

Welcome to the latest edition of Horizon your regular update of news, opportunities and information from across the field of audiology.

If you have any information that you would like to be included in a future edition of Horizon, please contact [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org). The deadline for submissions is the 30th March, 2017.

### BAA Board & Committee News:

- **It's been a busy week for BAA board leads, Regional representatives and members.**  
Many representatives of the BAA board and Heads of Service from the breadth of England were present at the Heads of Service Day meeting in Birmingham last week. The day involved presentations from **BAA President Michelle Booth**, **CEO Wendy Farrington-Chadd** and group, interactive discussion sessions. And in Durham, last Friday, the free (to members), well attended BAA North East Regional study day took place.

You can keep up-to-date with BAA news and activities by reading BAA President, Michelle Booth's regular blog on the BAA website by following this link:

[http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.WJlxQ\\_mLTIU](http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.WJlxQ_mLTIU)

- **WORKING WELL WITH TRUSTS AND COMMISSIONERS - More efficiencies?**  
With budgets being squeezed, there is pressure both internally and externally to increase efficiency and improve value in our services, and to be able to demonstrate this to Trusts and Commissioners. In this week's blog, we take a practical look at ideas for efficiency from appointment mix and staffing through to stock control, procurement and IT. **Read it here:**  
<http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=810#.WMrYKPmLTIU>

- **STILL TIME TO CONTRIBUTE**  
**CSO Request for professional input - HCS Clinical Academic Careers**  
Through Health Education England, the CSO have commissioned a piece of work to look at clinical academic careers for healthcare scientists. The review will provide an evaluation of the current landscape for healthcare scientists in terms of clinical academic careers and provide recommendations as a next step to addressing the barriers and maximising opportunities.  
A research team from Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Institute of Mental Health and University of Nottingham will be leading the review.  
To ensure your professional expertise and experience is captured we would value your input through the professional survey. If you have a managerial role and can provide workforce information your input into the workforce survey would also be greatly appreciated. Both surveys are short and there is an opportunity to provide your contact details for the research team to follow up with a more in depth conversation.  
**Professional Survey – please complete and circulate to healthcare science colleagues**  
[https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/hcs\\_careers\\_survey](https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/hcs_careers_survey)  
**Workforce Survey** – please complete if you have a managerial role within your service and are able to provide workforce information regarding clinical academic roles. **Please also forward to workforce leads and service managers across your Trust.**  
<https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/healthcare-scientist-clinical-academic-careers-review-v4>  
**For further information please contact** the review team lead Dr Louise Thomson, Head of Research Support and Evaluation [Louise.Thomson@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Louise.Thomson@nottingham.ac.uk)

- **SAVE THE DATE.** NHS England are holding an **Accreditation Masterclass** on the 20th April 2017.  
**More details on the BAA website:** <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=815>
- **World Hearing Day 2017 – a message from WHO...** Thank you to everyone who supported, participated in and raised awareness of the events surrounding World Hearing Day 2017.

The *Action for hearing loss: make a sound investment* seminar held at WHO on 3rd March helped in raising awareness of the costs of unaddressed hearing loss and the benefits which action can bring for governments and individuals. **To stream or download a recording of the seminar, please see the links below:**

**Streaming recording link:**

<https://who-meeting.webex.com/who-meeting/ldr.php?RCID=3147b9a893ec91deae7765434fa86e0>

**Download recording link:**

<https://who-meeting.webex.com/who-meeting/lsr.php?RCID=95c8bbd3306a9663b4f65bbd03bd4e75>

**We also have the opportunity to share the activities** undertaken by us on this day (and photos) with WHO. WHO will prepare a newsletter highlighting actions across the world. We request you to kindly **send in your reports by 31 March 2017.**

## Other News:

- **Action on Hearing Loss is urging local residents to attend Milton Keynes** CCG's face-to-face consultation events to help fight their proposed cuts to hearing aid provision. **More details here:** <https://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/news-and-events/south-east-and-anglia/news/milton-keynes-residents-urged-to-help-fight-drastic-hearing-aid-cuts.aspx>
- **FREE LECTURE OPPORTUNITY**  
**The Royal Society have organised a prize lecture to be given by Professor Jonathan Ashmore FMedSci FRS on Monday 15th May 2017 at the Royal Society, London.** The talk is a public lecture which is free to attend and no registration is required (on a first come, first served basis). It starts at 6:30pm. Professor Ashmore will be giving a talk entitled, 'Now you hear it, now you don't' the neuroscience of deafness where he will explore how the cochlea work, how are the cells maintained and, importantly, what do we still need to know to preserve them for a lifetime?  
**More information about the event can be found at this link:** <https://royalsociety.org/science-events-and-lectures/2017/05/croonian-lecture/>
- **REMINDER! RCCP 2017 Registration Renewals** Notifications will be sent out in March to all registrants to renew their registration with RCCP for the 2017/18 year. Ahead of this, registrants are asked to ensure their contact details are up to date. This can easily be done by logging into your online account <https://www.rccp.co.uk/registrants/>
- **THERE'S STILL TIME...**  
**The British Tinnitus Association** are holding a tinnitus information day on 25th March in Brangwyn Hall, Swansea. **More details can be found here:** <https://www.tinnitus.org.uk/Event/swansea-tinnitus-information-day>
- **Tea for Tinnitus Month.** The **BTA** have also announced that June 2017 will be Tea for Tinnitus Month. **More details available here:** <https://www.tinnitus.org.uk/tea-for-tinnitus>
- **The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS)** has published new survey findings of children's hearing services. The survey found that the biggest challenges for services are recruiting appropriately qualified staff, a lack of training for existing staff and funding pressures. **Download and read the full report here:** <http://www.ndcs.org.uk/document.rm?id=12400>
- **BSHAA issue statement over shared concerns over online hearing aid sales:**  
<https://www.bshaa.com/Society-News/bshaa-working-with-regulator-to-address-concerns>

## Job Adverts:

- **Faculty Of Health & Life Services - School of Allied Health Sciences**  
**Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Audiology**  
We are seeking a dynamic, self-motivated individual required to join our expanding Audiology department.  
Full Time Permanent

Grade F/G: £32,958 to £46,924 per annum

Closing Date: 3rd April 2017

Interview Date: Provisional w/c 1st May 2017

**For further information please visit our website** that has the job description and person specification or for more about the role and the school.

**Please contact:** Rakesh Patel, Associate Head of School Allied Health Sciences,

**Please quote reference:** 1056. **Telephone:** 0116 250 6503 or **email:** [rkpatel@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:rkpatel@dmu.ac.uk)

**To apply,** please visit [www.dmu.ac.uk/jobs](http://www.dmu.ac.uk/jobs)

- **Starkey Hearing Technologies**

- **Product Manager and Audiology Support Co-ordinator**

- Starkey are looking for a motivated and organised individual to co-ordinate product releases to the UK marketplace.

- You will need:**

- 2 Year Clinical Audiology experience desirable.

- Experience in working with hearing aids or a manufacture.

- Audiology degree or equivalent qualification enabling registration with RCCP/HCCPC/AHCS is desirable.

- Closing Date:** Friday 21st April 2017

- To apply please contact:** Paul Lamb on 0161 483 2200.

- **Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust**

- **Deputy Head & Adult Audiology Services Lead**

- Locality: Community Adult Physical Health East (Bracknell)

- Grade: 8B

- Hours Per week: 37 ½ Hours

- We are looking for a highly motivated Principle Clinical Scientist in Audiology to lead our comprehensive Adult diagnostic audio-vestibular service and to be deputy for hearing and balance services.

- Please apply via** <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/>

- Who to contact for further details:** Dr Jagjit Sethi

- Telephone: 01753 636225 / 0790 9970 994

- Email: [jagjit.sethi@berkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:jagjit.sethi@berkshire.nhs.uk)

- Closing Date:** 14th April 2017

- Interview Date: 2nd May 2017

- **For more information on job**

- advertises please visit:** <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/#.WMvTQ4XXKUK>

- **To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact** [advertising@baaudiology.org](mailto:advertising@baaudiology.org)

## Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **Sivantos Innovative Pathway Workshops**

- Choose from:

- 28th March 2017** – Oulton Hall, Leeds LS26 8HN

- 30th March 2017** – Crowne Plaza, Manchester Airport M90 3NS

- 6th April 2017** – Maldron Hotel, Belfast BT29 4ZY

- 11th April 2017** – Future Inn, Cardiff CF10 4AU

- To book please contact Sarah Banks** on 01293 423703 or email [sarah.banks@sivantos.com](mailto:sarah.banks@sivantos.com)

- Spaces are limited so book now to secure your place.**

## Social Media:

- **The Facebook Group has discussed:**

- BAA Heads of Service Day

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