

Welcome to this week's edition of BAA Horizon, bringing you updates, opportunities, news, 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

BAA News:

- **The Service Quality Committee has been working on drafting new guidance for Direct Referrals.**
The aim has been to produce updated guidance with a clearer evidence base. The decision has been made to create two separate documents, so that GPs will only need to familiarise themselves with the guidance which is relevant to them. We wanted to acknowledge and encourage the use of innovative audiology-led pathways, while making it clear which adults do require a medical opinion, and why. We welcome your comments on the criteria we have chosen and whether we have succeeded in writing documents which are applicable to your service. Have your say on the draft referral criteria by completing the feedback forms before **Friday April 29th** and emailing to sgc@baaudiology.org. The draft referral criteria and feedback forms are available on the BAA website: www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/comment-needed-new-direct-referral-criteria/
- **NICE Guidance Hearing Loss (Adult Onset) – be part of the Stakeholder Representation.**
Currently, a consultation with NICE is underway that brings together many stakeholders interested in new guidelines for adult onset hearing loss. This will be a key piece of documentation for the future of NHS services and NHS Audiology Departments are under represented on the Stakeholders Panel. You need to register as an organisation to attend but BAA would like to strongly advise any senior managers within audiology to register and attend the workshops to ensure a wide representation of organisations and opinions for this key piece of work. To register visit: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-cgwave0833>
- **ZeniPower Battery alert**
We have become aware that there is a low risk of hearing aid batteries, manufactured by ZeniPower, exploding. BAA know that most members will have received this notice from Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) but if anyone has not seen the notice it is published on the BAA website here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/all-zenipower-mercury-free-hearing-aid-batteries-low-risk-batteries-exploding-during-use-or-if-depleted/>

General News:

- **CSO promoting Fellowships to Women in Science**
The Chief Scientific Officer's WISE Fellowship is a unique opportunity for mid-career female healthcare scientists to gain invaluable leadership experience. Successful applicants will be selected based on both their potential to make a difference in their current and future roles in addition to their commitment to inspire the next generation of healthcare scientists. Closing date for applications is **15th April**. Full details here: <https://www.wisecampaign.org.uk/about-us/wise-projects/CSOFellowships>
- **ThinkFuture Campaign to recruit young people into Healthcare Science Careers launches toolkits for recruitment**
The ThinkFuture manager toolkit has been launched. This kit was shaped in focus groups with 16-24 year olds where recruitment materials, the recruitment process and crucially their understanding of the world of work was tested. More information and the toolkit is available at: <http://www.nhsemployers.org/ThinkFuture>

Chris Cartwright – Sonova (Phonak)

Most people in UK audiology know Chris Cartwright at Phonak and appreciate his unending work to help keep the profession in touch with courses and e-learning opportunities in particular. Chris often supports BAA Regional meetings in recording presentations for those that can't attend or setting up video links to allow a varied international speaker list to present in the UK at no cost to us. It is with his commitment to audiology that I share his request for support in his London Marathon Fundraising.

Chris says:

To all of you that enjoy the regular emails, signposting you to events or providing URL's to e-learning modules – may I ask for your help:

I'm taking part in the Virgin London Marathon 2016 on 24/04/2016 to raise money for Hearing Link and I'd really appreciate your support.

Donating to my JustGiving page is easy - just follow this link and click Donate:
<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Chris-Cartwright2>

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Hearing Link so it's a quick and safe way to donate.

BAA Meetings:

- **BAA Meetings – all meetings can be found on the events pages of the BAA website:**
<http://www.baaudiology.org/events>
[North West Regional Study Day](#), 23rd March 2016
[BAA Student Conference](#), 8th April 2016
[Yorkshire Regional Study Day](#), 20th April 2016
[BAA South East Branch Regional Study Day](#), 3rd June 2016

Social Media News:

- **Noise Protection in the music industry has been a big topic on social media over the last few weeks.** In positive news, the band Pearl Jam are providing ear plugs for a small donation at their gigs on the next tour: <http://www.nme.com/news/pearl-jam/92229>
- **Sadly, also on social media, is the news that AC/DC will cancel gigs after lead singer Brian Johnson is warned that he could lose his hearing if he performs:**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-35751399>

- **Search on twitter for #Tinnitus2016 for tweets from the Tinnit International Research conference** in Nottingham last week.
- **BAA England Heads of Service Meeting was last week if you want to see the tweets search #BAAHOS2016** on twitter. A report will appear in the next BAA Magazine.

Job Adverts:

- **Position available in Oticon UK : Technical Support Audiologist**
Oticon UK has an opportunity for an Audiologist to join the Technical Support team. As a leader in the hearing industry, Oticon utilises the most modern technology to achieve our goal - helping people live the life they want with the hearing they have. Based in Hamilton, Scotland and reporting to the Technical Support Manager the responsibilities include:
Key Responsibilities
 - Providing audiological and technical support to our customers. This includes fitting support, instrument selection, software and hardware support
 - Providing audiological support and product knowledge to Oticon employees, this includes developing training materials for internal use
 - Providing assistance in developing and implementing new training and audiology programs
 - Participation in new product launches and delivering customer seminars
 - Providing assistance in the development of external training materials**Required Skills & Competencies**
 - Professional Qualification in Audiology
 - Excellent communication skills, including a professional telephone manner
 - Experience in the selection and fitting of Oticon Hearing Instruments would be an advantage
 - Experience with Microsoft applications and Microsoft Operating Systems would be an advantage
 - Interest in public speaking
 - Ability to multi-task
 - A Team player with excellent interpersonal and organisational skills
Please forward your curriculum vitae to James Hannay: jaha@oticon.com
We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
- **Train as a Hearing Aid Audiologist with Amplifon**
Are you looking for a change in career? Are you keen to learn new skills or gain a new qualification?
Overview
Amplifon are offering training opportunities for individuals to complete a Foundation Degree in Hearing Aid Audiology, taking careers to a new level and supporting our mission to help people to hear better. Shaped by the industry, the education sector and the Health and Care Professions Council, the Foundation Degree in Hearing Aid Audiology qualification is equivalent to the first 2 years of a BSc. Delivered in partnership with De Montfort University in Leicester, our trainees undertake an exciting programme of study lasting approximately fourteen months. Trainees are immersed in a wide variety of learning activities, including online study, residential block weeks on campus in Leicester and classroom based, practical workshops and commercial training at our Support Offices in Manchester. Practical skills are developed and further assessed in supervised work-based training placements.
The Role
The role of the Trainee Hearing Aid Audiologist is varied and fulfilling. You will offer a positive and life changing experience, enriching the quality of lives and providing ongoing hearing rehabilitation and support to our customers.
Daily tasks might include assessment of lifestyle and social needs, taking relevant medical case histories, examining the outer ear, assessing hearing ability using a range of techniques, offering advice, making a referral for a medical opinion, prescription and fitting of suitable hearing technology and creating individually tailored management plans.
About Amplifon
With over 65 years' experience and more than 6,900 specialist centres in 22 countries, we're the world's leading dedicated hearing specialist. Our UK network comprises 138 branches and numerous hearing care centres nationwide.
We pride ourselves on taking the time to fully understand the needs of every individual and tailoring our services to those needs. From our comprehensive hearing assessment protocol and prescription of appropriate hearing solutions, to our programme of lifetime aftercare, we are committed to helping our customers hear better.
To deliver this personalised hearing care we ensure that all of our employees are committed to giving people fantastic service, providing the right level of clinical care and have a passion for enriching people's lives.
Click [here](#) to view our website to find out more about this exciting opportunity!
- **Assessment Manager – Improving Quality in Physiology Services (IQIPS)**
Competitive Salary + Benefits
UK Home Based
UKAS, licensed by the Royal College of Physicians to manage and deliver the IQIPS Accreditation Scheme, is looking to appoint an Assessment Manager.
Applicants will:
 - Have a number of years experience as a senior physiologist /scientist in any of the eight physiological specialisms
 - Have detailed technical knowledge and expertise of physiology examinations and procedures
 - Exhibit excellent interpersonal skills, being able to communicate effectively with service staff, management and their clients
 - Have a keen interest in dissemination of current best practice and in service development and auditing methodology
The successful candidate will be responsible for managing assessments for a portfolio of physiology services and for supporting organisations through their accreditation. This includes appointment of the assessment team, leading and co-coordinating assessments (both web-based and on-site visits), writing reports, providing advice on both technical and policy matters and maintaining accurate records. Detailed training in assessment methodology and use of UKAS systems will be provided.
Assessment Managers must be available to travel regularly throughout the UK with overnight stays.
If you would like to discuss the details of this vacancy please contact Ethna Glean on **01784 428809**.
The closing date for applications is **8th April 2016**.
For more information and to submit an application please [click here to visit our website](#).

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