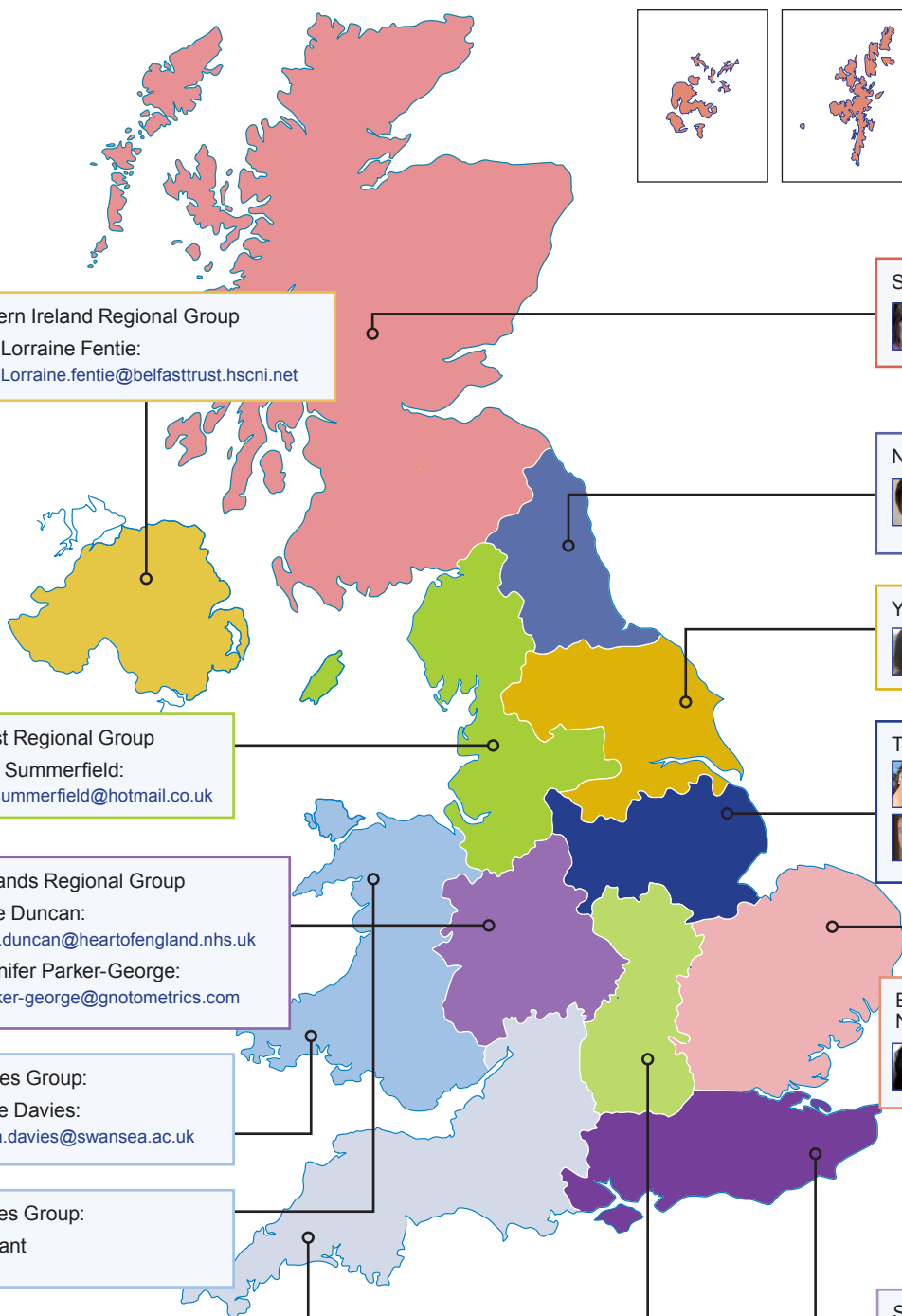


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BAA Regional Networks

The BAA Regional Group networks are run by a team of enthusiastic volunteers. The aim is to provide support to BAA members locally and to arrange regular meetings offering easily accessible CPD. The meetings are free of charge to all and provide an opportunity to network and learn without either taking too much time out of the department or making too much of a dent in the budget.

Claire Benton, BAA Board member with responsibility for Regional Groups, aims to create equity across the regions in what is offered by way of events and to support the Regional reps in their work. Over the next

12 months BAA is trialling a different style of event in some regions working with support from Fitwise, in order to continue to provide high quality regional events for the membership.

BAA is always looking support for our regions, if you are interested in becoming a Regional Rep please do get in touch: admin@baaudiology.org

Not sure if it's for you? BAA is looking for enthusiastic people of any grade or role. Jenny, one of the Trent reps had similar concerns, read her article below about her thoughts on being a rep – and then get in touch!

Being a BAA Regional Rep: What's in it for me?! Jenny Richardson:

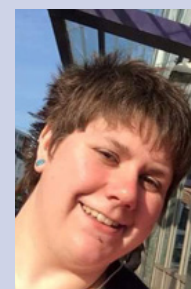
I took on the role of Region Rep back in 2013 after a desperate plea for help!! The Trent Group had always appeared very active and informative and Michelle Booth was about to take her position on the BAA Board. This left a vacancy in the Trent Group and my colleague Darren was the first to admit that he couldn't manage the group single handed...so I offered my services.

I hadn't got a clue what to expect, or indeed what was expected of me! All I knew was that I wanted to give something back to the Trent Group and Audiology as a whole. It was a great comfort and support knowing that there as two of us sharing the load and I soon began getting to know names and faces within the profession.

In the Trent Region, we try and put on two educational meetings a year, one in the Spring and one in the Autumn and we seem to have fallen into alternating between a paediatric theme and a more generalised theme focusing on whatever seems to be happening in the world of Audiology. This seems to have worked well so far, and our last few meetings have also been well attended.

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as a Rep so far. I've been able to learn about and discuss topics that I wouldn't usually come across in my own clinics. I've made lots of friends and acquaintances. This has helped me improve my practice as well as be able to provide other Audiology Professionals with learning opportunities.



I was expecting the role to take up lots of my spare time, but was pleasantly surprised to find that I could manage it around my work schedule and home life. The time spent working on bits and bobs varies month on month, but I would guess a commitment of 2 or 3 hours a week would be fair. We also put aside 2 days for our learning meetings and another 3 or 4 days for meetings with the BAA Board.

So, all in all not too bad! A chance to meet people, to network and to develop personal knowledge and skills. A forum for debate and an opportunity to give something back. I am very pleased to have taken on the role and hope to be able to keep delivering and facilitating learning days for our members.

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