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In this week's Horizon we bring 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. The deadline for submissions is the 16th February, 2017.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **Following the BAA board meeting on Monday, 23rd January in Birmingham** exciting plans are already well underway for this year's BAA conference in Bournemouth. Please look out for future announcements over the coming months on the BAA website, Facebook page or follow us on Twitter for the latest exciting conference news.
- **You can read BAA President, Michelle Booth's latest blog** on the BAA website by following this link: http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.WJlxQ_mLTIU
- **An exciting opportunity to join the BAA Accreditation of Academic Education committee.** The remit of this committee is the accreditation of pre-registration Audiology programmes (both undergraduate and post graduate) on behalf of the RCCP and BAA. This committee consists of members with HEI backgrounds as well as NHS clinical staff supervising students, to ensure a good balance of clinical and/or higher education experience. We have a vacancy for a clinical member from the NHS on the committee and we invite applicants with experience of supervising students on undergraduate and postgraduate courses to apply. We would also welcome anyone with experience of successfully completing the BAA Higher Training Scheme. The committee meets 3 (to 4) times a year at Aston University in Birmingham and the dates are usually set in advance. An accreditation visit usually involves some time reviewing documents as well as a visit to the prospective course provider. It is typically done by a team of 2 or more members, so there will be support from an experienced team member. The number of accreditation visits per year will depend on the range of requests from the RCCP and/or BAA. Travel expenses for meetings and accreditation visits will be reimbursed. If you are interested in joining this committee please send a short email (no more than 250 words) detailing your interest and any relevant experience to BAA at admin@baaudiology.org.
- **The BAA Heads of Service (England) meeting is due to take place on Wednesday, 15th March 2017 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.** If you are a Head of Service and have not been contacted regarding the meeting please contact the BAA at: admin@baaudiology.org to update your contact details.
- **Members returning to practice.** The BAA has received a number of requests about returning to practice courses recently and the difficulty in directing people to suitable options has been down to individual requirements, as the contexts can be different. The RCCP and HCPC specify "the steps" of returning to practice but not the actual method of demonstrating competency. If people are in this position could I ask that you email BAA@fitwise.co.uk with information about the content that is required. For example.. do we need sessions focused on practical skills or can it be delivered online with practical sessions supported in the workplace? And also content i.e. Adult or Paeds etc.. Please mark any responses for Lizanne Steenkamp's attention and we will analyse the requests to determine possible options. This may be as simple as directing people to courses or perhaps explore possibilities of such a course through BAA. This will all depend on the need. Some background information is available at the following links:
<https://www.rccp.co.uk/articles/93/Returning-to-practice>
<http://www.hpc-uk.org/registrants/readmission/>

- **REMINDER! The BAA North East Regional Study Day is due to take place on Friday, 17th March at Durham County Cricket Club.** The theme of this study day is 'Advancing Audiology: Non-Routine Adult Services' and is open to all Audiology professionals, you do not need to be a member of the BAA. This event is free for members and only £50 for non-members to attend. The Programme is now confirmed and can be viewed online at: www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-north-east-regional-study-day-2017
- **WORKING WELL WITH TRUSTS AND COMMISSIONERS - BLOGSPOT** In the last edition of **Horizon**, we introduced a new series of **10 Top Tips Blogs**. What's the aim? Firstly, to explore thoughts on tackling commissioning challenges, both from a provider point of view and from the wider perspective of Action on Hearing Loss and the BAA. Secondly, to think about what we can do to prepare our services and get them in better shape for such challenges. Lastly, but most importantly, to share information and ideas. The blog is intended as a spark to discussion and to let us gain from other's experience – be it NHS, private, commissioner or Trust, and we will facilitate this throughout the blogs.

Areas up for discussion will be:

- Understand your Service (audit, service evaluation etc)
- Outcomes (COSI, KPIs)
- Using the Evidence (Framework, Action Plan, evidence papers etc)
- The Value of PR (internal and external, engaging with stakeholders)
- Efficiencies
- IQIPs
- New Ways of Working
- What Next (vulnerabilities and opportunities)

Blog #1 – Where are we now?

This week, we'll re-cap on where we've been in terms of challenges to services nationwide and look at the current

commissioning climate. The blog is written by Dr Rachel McCarthy, Head of Audiology at the Royal Berkshire Foundation Trust, and draws on local NHS experience and the experience of Action on Hearing Loss, who have undertaken a lot of campaigning and influencing work around commissioning challenges recently. Read the blog here:

http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=218#.WJOb2_mLTIU

Other News:

- **Interested in research training?** The National Institute for Health Research and Health Education England are providing free workshops aimed at non-medical healthcare professionals who would like to pursue a clinical academic career. **Further details can be found here:** http://www.sor.org/sites/default/files/heenihw_workshops_dates_and_locations.pdf
In addition the NIHR has published a document 'Building a Research Career – a guide for aspiring clinical academics'
<http://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/faculty/Building-a-research-career-handbook.pdf>
Further information on research training awards for healthcare scientists can be found here <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-training-and-career-development/training-programmes/nihr-hee-hcs-research-fellowship-programme.htm>
For more information on research training opportunities, please contact:
Dr Melanie Ferguson (melanie.ferguson@nottingham.ac.uk), NIHR Lead Audiology Advocate, NIHR Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit t: 0115 823 2619 (direct)
- **REMINDER! There is still time to have your say - Accessible Information Standard Review**
The [Accessible Information Standard](#) sets out requirements for NHS and adult social care providers to identify, record, flag, share and meet the information and communication needs of people with a disability, impairment or sensory loss. NHS England is reviewing the Standard to assess impact and ensure it is 'fit for purpose' and is inviting views:
Survey for health and care professionals and organisations – [online](#) and [Word document](#)
[Survey for patients, service users, carers and parents](#) (also available as a [Word document](#), in [audio](#), braille, [British Sign Language video](#))
Survey for support, supplier and representative organisations – [online](#) and [Word document](#). Please take the time to share your experiences and views before 10th March 2017. Please send queries and requests for alternative formats to england.nhs.participation@nhs.net or patients / members of the public can call 0300 311 22 33.
- **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/?ct=t\(Registration Council for Clinical Physio1_31_2017\)&mc_cid=a382dc6ade&mc_eid=727eef8272](https://www.rccp.co.uk/registrants/?ct=t(Registration+Council+for+Clinical+Physio1_31_2017)&mc_cid=a382dc6ade&mc_eid=727eef8272)

- **Tinnitus Awareness Week starts today and runs to till the 12th February, 2017** and it's still not too late to show your support. **Further details can be found** at this link: <https://www.tinnitus.org.uk/taw2017>. If you would like to get involved, **please do get in touch with the BTA** via emily@tinnitus.org.uk or call 0114 2509933

Job Adverts:

- **Rehabilitative Audiologist - Novus Health Ltd**
JOB TITLE: Rehabilitative Audiologist - Direct Access Adult Hearing Loss Service
LOCATION: GP Practices in all AQP Contracted Regions as Required
HOURS: Full time, Compressed Hours (4 day week)
PAY: £28,562 + Generous bonus scheme and pension
LEAVE: 28 days + 8 Statutory days
Closing date: Friday February 26th 2017
Please contact Tim Husband Head of Service for Audiology for further details and application form. e.tim.husband@novushealth.co.uk t. 01924 898784 m. 07808 766590
- **Scrivens Opticians & Hearing Care - Hearing Care Professional Services & Training Manager.** We are currently looking for an Audiologist or HCPC Registered Hearing Aid Dispenser to join our Professional Services and Training team to plan, develop and manage training programmes for all of our hearing care professionals.
To apply, please email your CV with a covering letter to careers@scrivens.com, quoting reference HCPRO.
Closing date for applications: 28th February 2017.
- **To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact** advertising@baaudiology.org

Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **BAA North East Regional Study Day 2017 - Friday 17th March, Durham County Cricket Club**
Have you registered for this year's BAA North East Regional Study Day? This event takes place on Friday 17th March 2017 at the Durham County Cricket Club, with the theme of 'Advancing Audiology: Non-Routine Adult Services'. This event is free for members and only £50 for non-members to attend. **Full programme can be found at:**
www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-north-east-regional-study-day-2017
- **BAA Heads of Service Day 2017 - Wednesday 15th March, Postgraduate Centre of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.**
This **FREE** study day is aimed at BAA members who are Heads of Service in England. If Heads of Service are not available to attend then it is possible to send a representative in their place. As places are limited we can only accept one representative from each department. Full programme can be found at:
<http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-england-heads-service-day>
- **2 DAY COURSE - Listening with the third ear: counselling skills for audiologists - DAY 1 - 22 May 2017. DAY 2 - 3 July 2017**
With Kris English This extended course provides the delegates with the opportunity to not only learn and understand a set of basic counselling strategies, but also to apply, discuss and evaluate the effectiveness of these strategies. The course consists of 2 training days, with 6 weeks of reading assignments, online discussions and e-mail mentorship with Kris English between the workshops. The cost of the course includes Kris English's Listening with the Third Ear DVD and her book Counselling in Audiologic Practice worth £69. To book: <http://www.earfoundation.org.uk/education/articles/810>

Social Media:

- **The Facebook Group has discussed:**
 - Tympanometers
 - Virtual reality and its use in the treatment of vertigo
 - BerTiE in Bournemouth!

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