

Welcome to this edition of BAA Horizon. Summer is here and schools around the UK have started or will start their summer holidays in the next week or so. Members of the BAA Board will take time to enjoy the summer break, but will still be busy representing you our members at various meetings and events. Please see below for courses taking place in the next few weeks.

Please send any information you would like included in this newsletter to admin@baaudiology.org

News:

- **Good news for service heads:** The DH in England have provided guidance on RTT (18 week waits) that may ease pressure on audiology services, read the full letter on the main website. The important bit suggests that: “no provider or commissioner will receive any form of sanction, whether in the form of regulator investigation/intervention or the levying of financial sanctions, for failing the admitted or non-admitted standards.” <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/department-health-england-provides-and-update-rtt-18-week-target-reporting/>
- **NHS England** are pleased to announce that the Accessible Information Standard – known officially as SCCI1605 Accessible Information – has now been approved and published. Further information is available from the NHS England website <http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/patients/accessibleinfo-2/> in a range of alternative formats. The formal Information Standards Notice is available on the Health and Social Care Information Centre website <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/isce/publication/scci1605>, along with the Specification and Implementation Guidance. Additional documents are also available on the NHS England website <http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/patients/accessibleinfo-2/>
- **REMINDER – only 4 days left.** The British Tinnitus Association are looking for your help: “As you may already be aware, the British Tinnitus Association (BTA) produces an annual survey about tinnitus services at local NHS hospitals in the UK. This helps us better inform our enquirers regarding the help that is available to them, and also informs the BTA of the services you have, and your views on other issues – for example in this year’s survey we have a section dedicated to Self-Help, as we currently know little about how these interventions are used and are interested in your views.

In order to update the details we already hold, please can you complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HS2015-2016>. It will take between 10-20 minutes but the details contained within it are very important. All details submitted will remain anonymous and no names, or contact details will be given to enquirers. Full details of how information will be used are detailed within the survey.

As a thank you for completing it, we will send on two complimentary copies of the BTA’s Quiet magazine on a quarterly basis for the next 12 months to your department. As this survey is being sent out widely, in order to get to as many hospitals in the UK as possible, please check with your colleagues before completing it – WE DO ONLY REQUIRE ONE SURVEY PER DEPARTMENT. Apologies if you do receive more than one request, we are just hoping to get to as many Audiology departments as possible this year. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the BTA on 0114 250 9933 or by email to emily@tinnitus.org.uk.

Thank you so much for your time. The survey will close on 17 JULY 2015”

<http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/british-tinnitus-association-survey-closing-17th-july/>

- **The BSA Tinnitus in Children Practice Guidance** is now available on the BSA website. The Guidance offers child-friendly, practical advice for those wanting to develop their skills in the management of children with tinnitus, at all levels of severity. It is intended for a multidisciplinary audience including audiologists, medical professionals, school nurses, teachers of the deaf, and psychologists. The Guidance covers assessment, management strategies for home and school, signs of tinnitus distress, assessment measures, and recommendations for developing a Paediatric Tinnitus Service, and more. To view visit: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/2015-Paed-Tin->

- **National Adult Aural Rehabilitation Survey:** BAA have been working with the British Society of Audiology (BSA) and British Society of Hearing Aid Audiologists (BSHAA) to develop a survey which will help to give an overview of what adult rehabilitation looks like in the UK today. We would like to invite you to complete this online survey as we value your thoughts and opinions of an important part of the service UK Audiology offers. The survey will take about 15 minutes, and all responses will be anonymous. The deadline for submission is 31st August 2015. The results will be published in the BAA magazine and website: complete the survey at: <https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/national-adult-aural-rehabilitation-survey>
- **ENT & Audiology News** is now free to all UK subscribers. To receive your free copy follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YL62MCZ>
- **Congratulations to the Ear Foundation:** Further to the details in the last edition of BAA Horizon regarding <https://foundation.onefamily.com/community-awards/nominated-projects/> To those that voted you will be pleased to know the Ear Foundation were awarded one of the grants. Well done The Ear Foundation!

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **President's Update:** The BAA Board made a decision at Monday's, 6th July, board meeting to invest some of the money which has accrued over several years. It is essential that BAA has a sound financial future to enable it to continue to support its members going forward. The decision has taken some months to make as the Board needed to be sure it was the right thing to do. Investment has been made through Investec which is a well-recognised company in the financial investment field. The money has been invested in a way that is ethical, will grow for the future and is safe. The investment will ensure BAA has a secure future and that there is a support fund there if ever the need arises. Details of the investment will be available in the annual report later in the year.

Before the election politicians were falling over themselves to say how they are going to support the NHS. The [Action Plan](#) was published in March and despite many promises with regard to priorities for commissioning and looking at long term outcomes instead of short term gain we still find ourselves facing commissioning decisions that fly in the face of the evidence. The Hearing Alliance is currently looking at ways to further work with the government and DH in taking the action plan forward. I will keep you updated as this progresses. BAA are proud to be a member of the Hearing Alliance and will continue to contribute to the excellent work it does.

- **Conference Update:** Do you have a colleague or know of a team who have excelled or shown exceptional commitment to the Audiology profession over the past year? Nominations for this year's awards are open for entry and we want to hear from you! There are five award categories with three open for nomination, please visit www.baaudiology.org/conference/awards for more information and remember to nominate before Wednesday 9th September. Please note only BAA members can be nominated. The award winners will be announced at close of conference on Day 1, this will be closely followed by the annual Gala Dinner where everyone will get the chance to celebrate and enjoy the entertainment we have planned!

Job Adverts:

- **T&S Musgrove Park Hospital**, Audiology Clinical Lead/ Manager, Band 8a: £39,632 per annum, Full-time.
- **Specsavers:** We are looking for experienced Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists who feel ready to take on the responsibility of running their own store as a Hearcare Joint Venture Partner.
- **First Community Health and Care:** Band 5 and Band 6 Audiologists, 37.5 hours per week. Based at Crawley Hospital.
- **De Montfort University (DMU):** Senior Lecturer in Audiology, Faculty of Health & Life Sciences, School of Allied Health Sciences, Grade G: £36,309 to £45,954 per annum. Full Time Permanent.
- **Leightons Opticians and Hearing Care:** Audiologist/Hearing Aid Dispenser: We are an independent provider of Hearing Care based in the South of England and are looking for Audiologists to work across the region.
- **Amplifon:** We are currently recruiting for Hearing Aid Audiologists across the UK. There are opportunities for Branch Managers, Hearing Aid Audiologists and Regional Dispensing Audiologists.

These are now on the website with the usual careers page link
www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment

To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact advertising@baaudiology.org

Upcoming Courses:

- **University of Southampton:** An Introduction to Auditory Implants, Friday 29th September 2015. This one day training course is aimed at Audiologists and other professionals who refer patients for auditory implants and who would like to find out more about the devices we offer and the patient experience. For more information see: http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php/download_file/view/1174/581/
- **BAA North East Regional Meeting** – 17th July 2015 Balance Study Day – kindly sponsored by GN Otometrics. For further details, contact Joanne Close – joanne.close@cddft.nhs.uk
- **West Midlands BAA Regional Meeting** – 24th July 2015. This afternoon regional meeting will focus on non-routine adult and paediatric cases. We will start at 12.30 with lunch, sponsored by Phonak, followed by an afternoon of exciting talks from various clinicians in the region. Further details and programme to follow. Should you wish to express interest in this event, contact Jen or Kate – jparker-george@qnotometrics.com or Kate.Duncan@heartofengland.nhs.uk
- **Yorkshire Regional BAA Meeting** – 22nd September 2015. For further details, contact Sam Lear - Samantha.lear@sch.nhs.uk
- **BAA North West Regional Meeting** – 23rd September 2015. This meeting will focus on Paediatrics including talks on CMV screening in neonates, Paediatric tinnitus and IQIPS. The agenda will be confirmed at least 6 weeks before. To register an interest, contact neilsummerfield@hotmail.co.uk

For details of other Audiology events taking place, visit www.baaudiology.org/events

Social Media Summary:

- **Facebook and Twitter**

Sarah Elizabeth - To all BAA students and trainees - The BAA Student team have now officially launched the student quiz, the first month can be found in the student section on the BAA website!! All you have to do is log on, fill in the quiz and send to students@baaudiology.org with your chance to win!! This month a £25 amazon voucher is up for grabs, good luck

Dev Joshi - Great BAA student conference today, great talks. Major difference noted between the student conference and normal courses/conferences. There was tea and coffee still available at registration even after 30 minutes of registration being open!!! Ha ha I'm sure they will learn soon enough!!

Brit Acad Audiology @BAAudiology Jul 2 Closing date for #BAAConf abstract submissions is only 1 month away on 3 August. Submit now <http://bit.ly/BAA15abstracts>

Brit Acad Audiology @BAAudiology .@mariawolters will be speaking at #BAAConf on Designing Auditory Reminders that Older People Can Remember <http://bit.ly/BAAConf15>

Contact us
British Academy of Audiology, Blackburn House, Redhouse Road, Seafield, Bathgate, West Lothian, EH47 7AQ
Tel 01625 290046 Website: <http://www.baaudiology.org>
Registered in England and Wales.
Company registration number: 04950685

To unsubscribe, click [here](#)