

BAA Update



Areas of focus

As well as our usual focuses across our committees, Board has been working on the following priorities:

- BAA Quality Improvement Toolkit
- NHSE Steering group
- BAA Higher Training Scheme
- BAA/BSA Research webinars
- BAA & University of Southampton Journal club
- BAA & AHCS Equivalency webinars
- BAA Regional meetings
- BAA Head of Service meeting

BAA Quality Improvement Toolkit

This is an interactive PDF about service improvement with seven sections to help you improve basic level quality in an Audiology service

This has been a huge piece of work put together by our wonderful volunteers

This is free of charge to access for BAA Members

Head to the **Service Quality** page in the members' area of the BAA website to download the toolkit today



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Quality Improvement Toolkit

Supporting you to deliver a quality assured service



NHSE Steering Group

NHSE have established a National Steering Group for Improvement in Hearing Services to provide national oversight and direction for quality improvements in Paediatric Audiology Services

BAA Board continue to represent the profession on all sub-groups

NHSE have published their Standard contract meaning all ICBs will need to develop plans for Paediatric Audiology services to be IQIPS accredited for more information see the news pages on our website

NHSE will be working with 4 services on an improvement programme during 2024/2025. They will test, develop and share learnings with other Audiology services



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BAA HTS

Hearing Therapist Registration update

The combination of the PgCert in Hearing Therapy with the BA HTS Therapeutic skills module has been approved in November last year

This means there is now a recognised pathway for eligibility to register with the Academy for HealthCare Science as a Hearing Therapist

Please see the HTS pages on the BAA Website for more details

Latest HTS supervisors meeting was on 25th April, the recording is on the website if you missed it

BAA/BSA Research webinar

We are collaborating with BSA and NIHR on a series of webinars focused on research

The first webinar focused on the experiences of the public in hearing and balance research

The webinar aimed to present view and experiences of those involved in research and how this shapes future research

All of these webinars will be recorded and are available on the members section of the website

BAA & University of Southampton Journal Club

This consists of three lunchtime sessions open to all BAA members and we would encourage the Early Professionals Community to get involved with these

It may be useful if you are thinking of setting up your own journal club to see how this runs

The third and final session is on 16th May at 12:30pm

All of these sessions have been recorded and recordings are available on the website

BAA & AHCS Equivalency webinars

We are pleased to announce a series of three webinars with the Academy of Healthcare Science, considering all aspects of applying for the Clinical Scientist Equivalency.

Clinical Scientist (Audiology) Equivalency Webinar 1/3: **Requirements and processes**

6th June, 9am – 10am

Clinical Scientist (Audiology) Equivalency Webinar 2/3: **Assessor advice on preparation and submission**

20th June, 12.30 – 1.30

Clinical Scientist (Audiology) Equivalency Webinar 3/3: **Experience from successful equivalency applicants**

4th July, 12noon – 1pm

Register through the events pages of the BAA website

BAA Upcoming Events

BAA Heads of Service day in person Friday 12th July 09:30-15:30 – members only

Masking the ABR webinar- 12th June 12:30-13:30 register via the website

BAA East of England Regional Meeting in person 13th September

BAA North West Regional Meeting in person 16th October

BAA conference 21st & 22nd November in Telford

BAA Membership

If you are not a member please consider signing up and encouraging your colleagues

*E-newsletter twice a month *Quarterly Magazine *Professional awards *Professional support and advice
*Mentoring *Access to Higher Training Scheme *Discounted rates for conference *CPD resources- the website has a huge amount of resources and conference presentations are available in the members area to watch back
*Research Webinars *Journal Club *Quality Improvement Toolkit

* BAA membership now also includes a free subscription to the International Journal of Audiology and the latest issue of this is available to read online now

If you have any questions about anything I have discussed or becoming a BAA member please contact us at admin@baaudiology.org



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