

BAA President Blog – 26th May 2025

Over the last two weeks, I have attended two of our regional meetings, one in-person in Northern Ireland and one virtually in the South West. Our regional reps work hard to bring CPD relevant to their regions regularly. These meetings were well attended and had a great range of presentations. Celia (South West) and Mandy (Northern Ireland) were great hosts, and they are clearly working hard to promote and develop the networks in each region. If you haven't ever attended your regional meeting, do keep your eyes peeled for the next one, or if you have ideas for a good topic to include, drop an email to your rep. You can contact them all through our PA – admin@baaudiology.org

Work toward defining the future for healthcare science, and therefore Audiology, is happening in all four nations. This week, there was a meeting of all professional bodies with the Chief Scientific Officer for Scotland, where we discussed their plans for unifying Healthcare Science professions and improving their visibility. There are plans to have further stakeholder events over the summer and to implement their workforce and visibility plans in September. We will ensure Audiology's voice is heard in these meetings and that we are represented at them. Wales is in the final stages of publishing its Healthcare Science career framework. Again, BAA has seen this and commented on it. Slowly but surely, there has been progress on this front within England, with the Paediatric Audiology Improvement programme at the first draft stage of their workforce leadership recommendations and fortnightly meetings regarding the future of education, training, and workforce development taking place.

In other news, our conference team have been hard at work filling the programme for this year. We will be opening for registration next month. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey about what you want to see at the conference. Now is the time to consider what you could bring to the conference, start planning your abstracts to come along and present either a poster or a talk.

As I have mentioned before, things are challenging at the moment, and it can be hard to feel the love for your profession at times like this, to see the wood for the tress and think about how to make improvements when all around people seem to be taking things away – resources, vacancies, good will! But I happened across one of those internet quotes that usually would leave me feeling rather cynical, but this one rang a little true:

Lack of time + lack of resources + optimism = innovation

So please dig deep and find that bit of optimism because we need innovation, new ideas and solutions. Cheers to Simon Sinek for providing the quote.

We continue to be more transparent about many aspects of our work on your behalf. To this end, we share some insight into the meetings in which we are invited to participate. If you scroll down the page, we also include overviews of our monthly Exec Board and quarterly Board meetings: [BAA Board Meetings](#).

As always, you can contact me or any of our board directors here: admin@baaudiology.org

Take care

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