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BRITISH ACADEMY
OF AUDIOLOGY

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Liverpool Experience
Campus (LEX)

Room	Auditorium 1A	Auditorium 1B	Room 3A	Private Practice Pod in the exhibition hall
Time				
08:15 – 09:00	Refreshments & Exhibition - Hall 1			
	Moderator: Claire Benton			
09:00–09:05	Conference Opening Claire Benton, President, British Academy of Audiology			
09:05 – 10:05	Bamford Paediatric Lecture: Leveraging advanced technologies for children's hearing aids and earmoulds Dr Susan Scollie, Professor, School of Communication Sciences and Disorder, Faculty of Health Sciences, Western University, London, ON, Canada			
10:05 – 10:50	Refreshments, Exhibition & Poster Viewing - Hall 1			
10:50 – 11:35	Keynote Lecture: What is culturally responsive care and how can we promote it in audiology? Professor Piers Dawes, Professor of Audiology, Centre for Hearing Research, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia			
11:40 – 12:10	5-minute break for those who wish to change rooms			
	Moderator: Dr Ruth Vickerstaff	Moderator: Roslyn Parker	Moderator: Jane Deans	Moderator: Sue Falkingham
	11:40 – 12:10 Leading differently: neurodiversity and leadership in Healthcare Science Dr Vicki Heath Chief Healthcare Science Officer Health, Care and Prevention Group Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government	11:40 – 12:10 PPPD Beyond the criteria. What vestibular clinicians need to know before applying the label Mrs Amy Lennox-Bowley Founder/Specialist Audiologist Hypatia Specialist Clinics	11:40 – 12:10 Transforming Audiology Administration Through Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Rebecca Carpenter Head of Audiology, Principal Clinical Scientist Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Danalogic GN	11:40 – 12:10 Using REM beyond target match Mr Robert McLeod Senior Clinical Specialist Otometrics a division of Natus Sensory
12:10 – 12:40	12:10 – 12:40 Equity in clinical hearing outcomes across sociodemographics - ECHOS Miss Fahima Khatun Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement Lead	12:10 – 12:40 Audiology-first balance pathway: A Trust-wide transformation Mr Benjamin Adams Clinical and Operational Head of Service	12:10 – 12:40 Sound, Identity, and Connection: Teens with Hearing Aids Dr Ryan McCreery PhD Vice President of Research & Director, Audibility,	12:10 – 12:40 OAEs in adults – what are they good for? Jason Smalley Head of Audiology Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

	NIHR UCLH BRC Hearing Health Theme Dr Liam Barrett Research Fellow in Artificial Intelligence University College London	Withington & Wythenshawe hospitals, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	Perception and Cognition Laboratory & Director of the Center for Audiology Boys Town National Research Hospital Oticon	
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch, Exhibition & Poster Viewing - Hall 1			
13:40 – 14:10	British Academy of Audiology Annual General Meeting BAA Members Only			
14:15 – 14:45	5-minute break for those who wish to change rooms			
	Moderator: Dr David Maidment	Moderator: Rachel Bardsley	Moderator: Chris Cartwright	Moderator: Sue Falkingham
	14:15 – 14:45 <i>Computer hears no: Blind spots in human-machine and human-human communication</i> Dr Jan-Willem Wasmann Medical Physicist Audiologist President, Computational Audiology Network Radboud University Medical Centre, The Netherlands	14:15 - 14:45 Putting the fun back into paediatrics Dr Ruth Vickerstaff Clinical Lead for Audiology (Adult and Paediatric) Barts Health NHS Trust	14:15 – 14:45 Lost in translation: Bridging Communication Gaps in Hearing care Professor Gabrielle Saunders Professor of Audiology at The University of Manchester Specsavers	14:15 – 14:45 Translating auditory training evidence into practice: Are we nearly there yet? Dr Helen Henshaw Principal Research Fellow NIHR Nottingham Biomedical Research Centre, University of Nottingham
14:45 – 15:15	14:45 – 15:15 Using AI to accelerate hearing tests Dr Liam Barrett (PhD) Research Fellow in Artificial Intelligence University College London	14:45 – 15:15 'One' or mild' isn't minor: Management of mild and unilateral hearing loss in children Dr Ryan McCreery Vice President of Research & Director, Audibility, Perception and Cognition Laboratory & Director of the Center for Audiology Boys Town National Research Hospital	14:45 – 15:15 AMTAS - can self-led diagnostic testing help solve some of audiology's biggest challenges? Dr Richard Windle Clinical Manager Diatec Diagnostics	14:45 – 15:45 Tinnitus pathways and management in private practice Mini Gupta Director & Senior Clinician, Specialist Audiologist: Tinnitus & Sound Sensitivity All Ears Hearing & Tinnitus Clinic, Melbourne, Australia
15:15 – 15:30	15:15 – 15:45 NHS Audiology in England Dr Michelle Foster National Specialty Advisor for Hearing, NHS England BAA Board Director	15:15 – 15:30 Evaluating the clinical and resource impact of targeted surveillance in the newborn hearing screening pathway: evidence to inform pathway change Hannah Garnett National Lead, NHS Newborn Hearing Screening Programme NHS England	15:15 – 15:45 Fit for Purpose: NAL NL3 Mr Simon Howe Clinical Scientist South Tyneside & Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust. Otometrics a division of Natus Sensory	
15:30 – 15:45		15:30 – 15:45 Reducing Age of Identification in Paediatric Audiology: From Ombudsman Review to <12-Week Hearing Loss Identification from Newborn Hearing Screening in NHS Lothian Verity Hill Head of Service Paediatric Audiology NHS Lothian, Edinburgh		
15:45 – 16:15	Refreshments, Exhibition, & Poster Viewing - Hall 1			

	Moderator: Dr Ruth Vickerstaff	Moderator: Laura Turton	Moderator: Rob Frost	Moderator: Sue Falkingham
16:15 – 16:30	16:15 – 16:45 It's all just words - why communication in healthcare matters Professor Alison Pilnick Professor of Language, Health and Society, School of Nursing and Public Health Manchester Metropolitan University	16:15 – 16:30 Armed Forces Veterans and Hearing Loss: What Every Audiologist Needs to Know Ryan Phillips Clinical Audiologist Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	16:15 – 16:45 One Technology, Two Pathways: Learning from RIC Implementation Across NHS Services Jennifer Parker-George, Clinical Lead Audiology, University Hospitals Birmingham & Jason Smalley, Head of Audiology, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	16:15 – 16:45 Extended high-frequency hearing assessment: what does it tell us about speech-in-noise perception?" Melanie Lough PhD Student / Research Audiologist NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre, The University of Manchester
16:30 – 16:45		16:30 – 16:45 High level evidence for hearing aids shows no effect on cognition and mental health: Cochrane review 2026 Melanie Ferguson, PhD Curtin University, Perth, Australia	Danalogic GN	
16:50 – 17:35	5-minute break for those who wish to change rooms			
	Moderator: Dr Sam Lear			
	Keynote Lecture: A journey beyond sight and sound - reaching the patient, reaching the person. Jo Milne, Dual-Sensory Loss Advocate, See and Hear Change			



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09:20 – 09:50	09:20 – 09:50 Addressing cognitive health in audiology practice Dr Rohani Omar Consultant in Audiovestibular Medicine	09:20 – 09:50 BEARS tools for clinical practice Dr Deborah Vickers Speech and Hearing Scientist, Principal Investigator leading SOUND Lab, University of Cambridge	09:20 – 09:50 From Cognitive Insight to Clinical Impact: The Power of BrainHearing Maral Ghamkhar Clinical Research Audiologist	09:20 – 10.05 Understanding the emotional drivers behind patient decisions in audiology Ms Beth Newbould

	University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (UCLH)		Oticon A/S Denmark	Head of Clinical Services, Audiology Mrs Kirsten Ellis Professional Services Manager The Hearing Care Partnership
09:50 – 10:05	09:50 – 10:20 Does audiological support increase benefit and use for new adult NHS hearing aid users: preliminary findings from FAMOUS, a national cluster randomised controlled trial Professor Kevin J Munro Ewing Professor of Audiology Manchester Centre for Audiology and Deafness, University of Manchester	09:50 – 10:05 Objective hearing threshold estimation in children using the Sofi Rapid-CAEP System: agreement with Pure-Tone Audiometry and test-retest reliability Ahmet Alperen Akbulut Audiology and Speech Disorders PhD Program, Institute of Health Sciences, Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey	09:50 – 10:20 Check yourself before you RECD yourself (2.0) Mr Robert McLeod Senior Clinical Specialist Otometrics a division of Natus Sensory	
10:05 – 10.20		10:05 – 10.20 Improving RECD estimates using body height, head circumference, and tympanometry volume instead of direct Real-Ear Measurement Dr Sarah Grinn Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, USA		
10:20 – 11:05	Refreshments, Exhibition & Poster Viewing - Hall 1			
11:05 – 11:50	Moderator: Dr Saima Rajasingam			
	Adrian Davis Lecture: Auditory wellness – a 21st century approach to working with older adults Barbara E. Weinstein, Ph.D. Professor of Audiology, Founding Executive Officer, Graduate Centre, CUNY			
	5-minute break for those who wish to change rooms			
11:55 – 12:25	Moderator: Dr. Michelle Foster	Moderator: Ruth Bannister	Moderator: Keiran Joseph	Moderator: Sue Falkingham
	11:55 – 12:25 A survey of UK audiologists’ experiences of IQIPS Dr Hannah Cooper Associate Professor and paediatric audiologist UCL Ear Institute and Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust	11:55 – 12:25 Mindfulness for Tinnitus Debbie Cane MSC CS Senior Clinical Scientist, Lecturer and Mindfulness teacher University of Manchester	11:55 – 12:25 You Only Know What You Know! Jack Bennett National Sales Manager Diatec Diagnostics	11:55 – 12:25 Earmoulds and coupling Sue Falkingham Audiologist The Skipton Audiologist
12:25 – 12:55	12:25 – 12:55 Welsh Quality Strategy Jane Wild Consultant Clinical Scientist and Head of Adult Audiology Service Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB)	12:25 – 12:55 Tinnitus & depression in childhood – what risk factors lead to tinnitus as an experience in adulthood Nadia Donald Teaching Associate Aston University	12:25 – 12:55 Making mistakes and bringing your relationships to work. Rebecca Cleaver Category Manager and Audiologist Specsavers	12:25 – 12:55 Transforming the narrative on hearing loss and dementia Professor Kevin J Munro Ewing Professor of Audiology Manchester Centre for Audiology and Deafness, University of Manchester
12:55 – 13:10	12:55 – 13:10 NHS England External	12:55 – 13:10 HTS: Times are a Changing		

	Quality Assurance in ABR Professor Victoria Chalker Deputy CSO NHS England	Jane Beavan Head of Department Countess of Chester Hospital		
13:10 – 14:10	Lunch, Exhibition & Poster Viewing - Hall 1			
14:10 – 14:40	Moderator: Dr Saima Rajasingam British Academy of Audiology, Awards Ceremony, Prize Giving and Passport Competition			
14:40 – 15:25	Keynote Lecture: Recruitment or Hyperacusis? Two mechanisms, two management paths Mini Gupta, Director & Senior Clinician, Specialist Audiologist: Tinnitus & Sound Sensitivity All Ears Hearing & Tinnitus Clinic, Melbourne, Australia			
15:25 – 15:30	Closing message Dr Saima Rajasingam President British Academy of Audiology			

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