



31st January 2025

A very warm welcome from the British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology to our Annual Conference, being held in Manchester. This conference is a unique opportunity for Audiovestibular Physicians, Paediatricians and Trainees working in the field of Paediatric Audiology, to gain insights and enhance their expertise, as well as build meaningful connections with peers and mentors, through networking.

This will be our first solely in-person meeting since Covid. Today's programme was planned following feedback from last year's conference and includes a range of Paediatric Audiology topics. The morning will include talks on Auditory Processing Disorder, Vestibular disorders and ANSD. The latter part of the meeting will focus on Genetics, starting with Gene Therapy for hearing loss and followed, after lunch, by an interactive Q and A session on Genetics and hearing loss. The final talk will be on the role of BAPAA members in the NHSE Paediatric Hearing Services Improvement Programme. Finally, we will close the day with member's prize-winning audit presentations. We have had 2 successful poster presentations this year and the posters will be displayed in the breakout area throughout the Conference. Applications for posters and presentations for next year's conference are already open, what will you present?

Your feedback about the conference is important and your suggestions for future topics are always used to plan next year's programme. The committee would also like to hear your thoughts on the future of BAPAA. Any suggestions about the working of the association including recruitment of new members would be welcome, please use the section on the back of the evaluation form for this.

During the coffee break and at lunch time, please take time to visit the exhibitor in the breakout area.

Please find enclosed in your delegates pack the following:-

- Programme for the conference
- Biographies of speakers
- AGM agenda

Key aims for the day:

- To provide an opportunity for learning and discussion on current issues in paediatric audiology.
- To support and encourage audit and the sharing of good practice in the field of paediatric audiology.

Learning Objectives:

- Increase knowledge of comprehensive assessment of auditory processing difficulties in children and how to support them.
- To gain an understanding of vestibular disorders in children, mainly from an aetiological perspective.
- To get an overview of ANSD in children.
- To learn about gene therapy for hearing loss and get an update on latest research.
- To gain further insight into Genetics and deafness through an interactive session.
- To get an update on the NHSE Hearing Services Improvement Programme and learn how Paediatricians working in Paediatric Audiology can contribute.
- To provide an opportunity for Trainees and Paediatricians working in Paediatric Audiology to present their audit findings or cases and share good practice.

Refreshments and Lunch

Refreshments will be available from 8 am in the breakout area.

Lunch will be the Chef's choice menu, served between 13:00 – 14:00 in the Store Street restaurant.

Exhibitor



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Important!

- **PLEASE KEEP YOUR VALUABLES WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.**

It is not safe to leave laptops, briefcases or bags with anything of value in the meeting room.

- Please ensure your mobile phone is switched off/silent in the meeting room.
- **Please complete your evaluation form**, which will be emailed to you. This will help us with future planning.
- Your **attendance certificate** will be emailed to you after the conference.

We hope you enjoy the conference.

Thank you

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