For the 39th AGM

(14th as a company)

31st January 2025

**Reports from around the Regions**

**Midlands, London, East and South-East Region**

The report from the region can be summarised under the following headings:

* **Achievements and Challenges faced by the region and pressures on the workforce** –

No reports submitted from services during this year

* **Changes in the workforce that have occurred and advance warning of any planned changes** –

No reports submitted from services during this year

* **Meetings in the region – BAPA and other audiology related meetings** –

BAPA SupraRegional Forum and Peer Review meeting 26/06/2024



BAPA Supra Regional Forum and Peer Review meeting 27/11/2024



Both meetings were conducted vitually and were attended by approximately 20-25 delegates. The event was advertised via BAPA, BAAP and BACCH.

Suggestions to increase attendee numbers is to be discussed at the next BAPA Executive team meeting.

*Dr Karthik Palanivelu, Regional Rep
Dr Shailaja Kottapalli, Deputy Rep*

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**Meetings and Achievements**

* BAPA regional training days were held in June and December 2024. Both days were well attended with an overall positive feedback and covered a range of interesting topics.
* NBHSW arranged a training day in October 2024 which focussed on communication skills after hearing loss is identified in newborns. There was also discussion regarding bilateral screen clear pass model pathway in Wales similar to the pathway in England and further formal updates on this are awaited in future meetings.
* We have established a Welsh Medical Audiology Group jointly led by Dr S Myne, Dr Nicole Pickerd and Dr Deepak Rajendra Kumar. This group met twice in 2024 and was attended by medical leads in Wales following the BAPA regional training session. This group aims to provide support to new and existing medical leads in relation to their clinical work, case discussions and also to have a platform for discussing medical audiology related topics.
* There was a multi-disciplinary team meeting held in November 2024 to discuss about feasibility of setting up congenital CMV pathway in Wales with some external expert input from Dr Hermione Lyall and Dr Jo Harris which ended in an overall positive note following very useful contributions from all the attendees. Further meetings are being planned with an aim to initiate a pilot study for this pathway at Cardiff.

**Paediatric Audiology Medical lead Workforce situation**

* A new medical lead, Dr Corina Anders who is a GP, has been appointed in North Wales. Corina is currently undertaking her postgraduate certificate in paediatric audiology at Manchester University and is supported in her role by the Welsh Medical Audiology group with advice on relevant clinical attachments to undertake and individual case discussions.
* There are currently medical leads in post in all the health boards in Wales.

Dr Shibani Myne Dr Nicole Pickerd

Consultant Audiovestibular Physician Consultant Community Paediatrician

BAPA representative for the region Deputy BAPA representative

**Report from Scotland**

• **Achievements and Challenges faced by the region and pressures on the workforce -**

We are a small group of Community Paediatricians for whom paediatric audiology

makes up only a small proportion of our workload. We strive to have representation

from all regions in Scotland at our BAPA meetings but this can be challenging.

• **Changes in the workforce that have occurred and advance warning of any planned**

**Changes -**

Dr Martina Stones has now retired from Tayside.

• **Meetings in the region** -

BAPA and other audiology related meetings

We continue to meet three times a year for peer support and education.

Dr Joanne Kilpatrick Regional Representative