

BAPA Annual Conference Programme
Friday 30th January 2026
Virtual via MS Teams

08:50-09:20 [BAPA AGM](#) (For BAPA members only – separate Teams link)

Morning Plenary Session **Chair: TBA**

09:20- 09:30 **Welcome and introduction**

09:30-10:15 ***An approach to molecular testing in a child with Hearing loss***
Dr Joanna Jarvis, Consultant Clinical Geneticist, Clinical Genetics Department,
Birmingham Women’s Hospital

10:15-11:00 ***Genetic Counselling and hearing loss***
Leanne Barrett Genetic Counsellor, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust,
London

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-12:00 ***Tinnitus counselling- a child friendly approach***
Dr Veronica Kennedy Consultant Audiovestibular Physician, Paediatric Audiology, Bolton
NHS Foundation Trust

12:00-12:45 ***Putting families at the heart of our support’ with the National Deaf Children’s Society (NDCS)***
Alison Worsley: Platform Lead Develop and Influence, **Anushri Patel**: Paediatric Audiologist / in-house advisor, **Liz Sidell**: Head of Policy and Influence (International),
Emma Papakyriakou: Family Engagement lead (UK wide), **Simon Want**: Head of Policy and Influence (England) and **Hazel Badjie**: Head of Policy and Influence (Wales)

12:45-13:45 **Lunch**

Afternoon Plenary Session **Chair: TBA**

13:45-14:30 ***Paediatric vestibular assessment***
Dr Waheeda Pagarkar Consultant Audiovestibular Physician, UCLH and GOSH, London

14:30-15:15 ***Vestibular screening in infants***
Professor Soumit Dasgupta Consultant Audiovestibular Physician, Alder Hey Children’s
Hospital, Liverpool

15:15-15:30 **Break**

15:30-16:15 ***Surely children don’t need vestibular rehabilitation? How to develop a fun filled, individualized and evidence-based programme for those who do***
Debbie Cane Audiology Lecturer and Senior Clinical Scientist, University of Manchester,
Manchester

Prize and Audit Presentations

- 16:15-16:30** *Hearing Difficulties in Children Referred with Speech Concerns*
Dr Sabarinath Vijayakumar, Specialty Trainee in Audiovestibular Medicine
- 16:30-16:45** *A survey of clinicians' experience on paediatric patient and caregiver attitudes towards hearing aid(s) in the UK*
Dr Natallia Kharytaniuk, Specialty Trainee in Audiovestibular Medicine
- 16:45-17:00** *Management of Ototoxicity in Non-NHSP Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) referrals*
Dr Shobha Rajagopal, Specialty Trainee in Audiovestibular Medicine
- 17:00** Close of meeting

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