

Kathryn Lewis, Head of Audiology at University Hospitals South Manchester, has been chosen by the British Academy of Audiology (BAA) Board to be their Vice President from November 2019.

At the forthcoming BAA AGM, at annual conference in November, Sue Falkingham's two-year Presidency comes to an end. Karen Shepherd will become Academy President and she will have Kath Lewis as her Vice President until 2021.

Kath is a qualified audiologist with extensive audiology and management experience in the NHS. She is also a registered hearing aid dispenser with the HCPC. Kath is an Honorary Lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan University and Manchester University. She is also involved in STEM ambassadors, is a Trust coach and currently undergoing accreditation to be a Team coach. She has spent over 25 years as the Secretary of the North West School of Audiology providing professional training courses and seminars and lectures on other Audiology courses.

Following the unanimous vote for Kath, current President, Sue Falkingham said, "I'm so pleased Kath has decided to take on the role of Vice President. Kath brings so much experience and passion for audiology to the role and will ensure that members voices are heard as we work closely with other organisations across the sector. Her organisational skills and calm, confident nature made all of Board unanimous in the decision that she is the right person to take on the role next."

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The British Academy of Audiology is the largest association of professionals in hearing and balance in the UK. Our membership extends internationally and provides services in both the public and private sector.

On behalf of its membership, BAA's vision is to provide a clear and strong voice for professionals in audiology and to promote excellence in clinical knowledge and practice.

The BAA aims to help its members to develop in their professional skills, provide a benchmark for quality and professional standards and promote audiology as an autonomous profession.

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