

COCHLEAR IMPLANT CHAMPION SCHEME

The cochlear implant champion scheme was launched by Martin O'Driscoll from BCIG and Ann-Marie Dickinson from BAA Service Quality Committee at the BAA conference 2019. The aim of the scheme is to ensure all eligible adults and children, and their families, are well-informed about cochlear implants and are offered a timely referral.

ROLE OF THE CHAMPION:

To train, support and empower staff in your team to counsel patients/clients and their families about cochlear implants (CIs).

To ensure all eligible patients/clients and their families are offered informed-choice and shared-decision making, when considering a CI referral.

To audit, the quality and quantity, of CI referral counselling taking place in your service, and monitor referrals.

TRAINING:

The first CI Champions training workshop will take place on the **11th March 2020** at the BCIG conference in Nottingham. Online training and support will be offered pre- and post-workshop. The training will be free but travel and accommodation will not be reimbursed. The champion role is important for audiologists working in a paediatric and adult setting, in the NHS and independent sector.

PERSONAL QUALITIES:

You should be motivated and committed to the scheme. You should have good communication skills and be prepared to share information and guide/inform discussions about implants within your team.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAMPION:

- ✓ Dedicate at least 1 hour per week to this scheme.
- ✓ Monitor implant referrals in your service.
- ✓ Audit the quantity and quality of implant counselling in your service.
- ✓ Share audit results with your team at regular intervals.
- ✓ Build a relationship with your local implant service.
- ✓ Offer training and support to everyone your department.
- ✓ Attend the annual CI Champion training day and engage with the online training.

Your line manager must agree to support you in this role. Please register your interest by sending your name and name of your department/service to admin@baaudiology.org

For more advice on CI referral please see the BCIG website (<https://www.bcig.org.uk/>) and a resource developed by the BAA Service quality committee: <https://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/its-time-talk-about-cochlear-implants/>. A short video to raise awareness of CIs has been developed by the BAA Service Quality Committee, please share widely, thank you: <https://youtu.be/kcwatblWpkY>