

## **April 2023 BSA Adult Rehabilitation Special Interest Group (ARIG)**

Since our last update, ARIG has continued to meet virtually and work collaboratively on our projects.

The newly structured 'Guiding Principles of Rehabilitation for Adults in Audiology Services' is almost ready for the consultation stage and we are looking forward to receiving comments on this.

The Recommended Procedure for 'Determination of Uncomfortable Loudness Levels' was published in November and can be accessed via the BSA website – this was a successful collaboration between ARIG and the Tinnitus and Hyperacusis SIG so thank you to everyone involved with this.

Early findings from the Deaf Awareness project, learning about the experiences of deaf awareness in the health service from people living with hearing loss, have been truly eye-opening. We are looking forward to sharing and discussing some of this data at the BSA scientific meeting in June.

Our first Lightning Update was released in September and this reviewed literature examining the effectiveness of providing hearing dogs to people with hearing loss. You can access this, and future Lightning Updates, on our webpage on the BSA website.

Our latest YouTube video was released on International Cochlear Implant Day and highlights some very useful resources for those supporting potential CI candidates and their families. Look out for the next video coming in May for Deaf Awareness Week.

We are all looking forward to the BSA Scientific meeting in June. ARIG are hosting a panel Discussion: *'Hearing aid fittings - an interactive workshop to define what makes best practice. What makes a good hearing aid fitting and where does clinical practice vary'*, we are looking forward to sharing our ideas and hearing your views.

Finally, our biggest news is that our Chair Laura Turton has stepped down after 8 extremely productive years. We would like to thank her for her commitment and leadership as she hands the reins to Ann-Marie Dickinson and Shahad Howe as co-chairs. They look forward to continuing the valuable work of ARIG over the coming years.