

## **August 2023 BSA Paediatric Audiology Special Interest Group (PAIG)**

Following on from the BSA Scientific conference in June, where PAIG presented the updated Recommended Procedure for Visual Reinforcement Audiometry (VRA), we have been working on incorporating the feedback and suggestions we received both on the day and during the public consultation. We know that getting VRA right is so important and we are trying our best to work from the evidence-base, where this exists, and professional consensus of best practice where it doesn't. Thank you to everyone who commented during the public consultation and we are hoping to have a final version ready for release in the very near future.

PAIG are also currently working to understand more about how peer review can be best undertaken for VRA testing. We have prepared a survey, so please look out for this arriving by email, particularly if you have examples of good practice, or are able to tell us what the challenges of peer review are for your service. We are hoping that this will help us to develop recommendations for effective and practical peer review processes that can help us all ensure the quality and safety of our testing.

We are also representing BSA at the National Steering Group for Improvement in Hearing Services, and whilst the focus is predominantly on paediatric audiology at present, there will be learning and recommendations that can be applied across all areas of our services. We will be working with our colleagues across BSA to support and deliver these changes.