

Trek of a lifetime

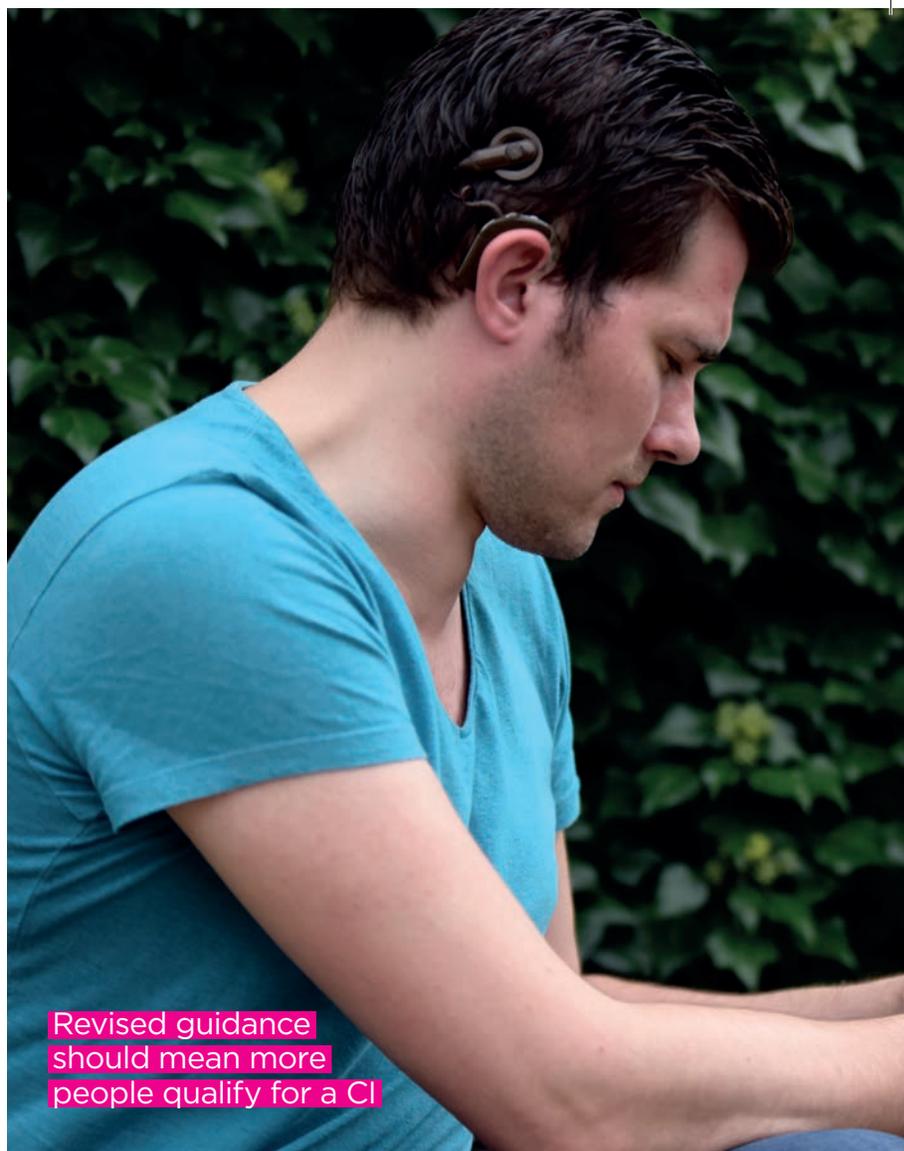
Take on the challenge of a lifetime with our new Mont Blanc Trek this September. The Mont Blanc region boasts one of the world's most renowned trekking circuits. Take in three countries in three days, and some of the most spectacular views in Europe - an array of towering cliffs, waterfalls spilling from glaciers, forested tracks, open meadows and crystal lakes.

To find out more, call our Events team on 020 3227 6177 or email events@hearingloss.org.uk



New Trustees

Gideon Hoffman and Tom McCarthy were confirmed as Trustees at our AGM in December. Both have personal experience of deafness since childhood. Gideon is an advisor and investor in commercial media and technology ventures, who has advised ministers on policy at HM Treasury. Tom has served on the Action on Hearing Loss Scottish Advisory Group and works for Healthcare Improvement Scotland.



Revised guidance should mean more people qualify for a CI

Transforming lives

Cochlear implants are to be made more readily available on the NHS for people who could benefit from this life-changing technology.

NICE announced in January that it will change its guidance and lower the level of hearing loss someone needs to have in order to qualify for an implant. There will also be a new test for determining whether adults get adequate benefit from hearing aids.

Dr Roger Wicks, our Director of Policy and Campaigns, said: "This new guidance is a huge step forward. Currently, just 5% of adults who could benefit from cochlear implants receive one - adults in England need to have near-profound deafness to qualify. This has meant many people have had to wait for their hearing to get worse before they can have access to this transformative treatment."

We'll have more information on the new guidance in our next issue.