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# NCRI newsletter

## Welcome to our latest newsletter (issue 3, 2015)

Last month was a busy one for NCRI - we held our Annual Meeting where our new Chair and Trustees were elected, and had our Summer Meeting where our Partners and other key stakeholders discussed the progress of NCRI initiatives and future priorities. We also launched our new Consumer Forum - and its members already have an update for us.

Read on to find out more, and to catch up on other research-related news from the NCRI Partnership and beyond.

Best wishes  
The NCRI team

## This issue's features

### Welcome to NCRI's new Chair and Trustees

Baroness Delyth Morgan has been appointed as Chair of NCRI, taking over from Harpal Kumar. Five Trustees have also been appointed to our new Board of Trustees.

[Find out more...](#)

### Highlights from our 2015 Summer Meeting

The 2015 NCRI Summer Meeting brought together senior representatives from NCRI Partner organisations, industry and patient representatives, and other key stakeholders in the field of cancer research. It was an opportunity to reflect on progress made so far in NCRI's collaborative initiatives and to look forward to priorities for NCRI in the year ahead.

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### Hitting the ground running - news from the NCRI Consumer Forum

The new NCRI Consumer Forum has been formed to take over the role of the former Consumer Liaison Group (CLG), with a more focussed remit. Already its members are making waves - they had a strong presence at the NCIN Conference in Belfast in June, asking questions from the floor, contributing to debates...and winning poster awards!

[Find out more...](#)

## Updates across NCRI activities

## **Latest analysis of NCRI's Cancer Research Database now available**

Each year NCRI collects data on research funded by its Partners in the NCRI Cancer Research Database (CaRD). This enables us to analyse and keep track of the UK cancer research landscape; highlighting trends and gaps in funding across a range of research areas. Data for 2014 have now been analysed and are available to download.

[Find out more...](#)

## **Advances in Surgical Oncology session at our Conference**

Chaired by Professor Richard Shaw, and with a panel of experts presenting on advances in the field of surgical oncology, this parallel session will be held during the NCRI Cancer Conference in Liverpool. Earlybird registration rates for the Conference are available until 31 July.

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## **CTRad: developing the latest radiotherapy trials**

CTRad's most recent Proposal Guidance Meeting took place in June and, as well as being a milestone as the tenth meeting, it was also the first meeting where ideas in proton beam therapy research were brought to the table.

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## **Supporting a healthy future for scientific research under the Data Protection Regulation**

NCRI's Confederation of Cancer Biobanks (CCB) has joined patients, academics and other non-commercial research organisations to support the Wellcome Trust's position on trilogue negotiations between the European Parliament, the Council of Ministers and the European Commission.

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## **The EORTC Collaboration Pathway has now been launched**

Members of our NCRI Clinical Studies Groups (CSGs) collaborate with the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC), however the connections have primarily been via personal links and a consensus on a single efficient mechanism to explore EORTC clinical trial collaboration has been lacking - until now.

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## **Partner news**

### **Breast Cancer Now, the UK's largest breast cancer charity - recently launched**

Created by the merger of Breakthrough Breast Cancer and Breast Cancer Campaign, Breast Cancer Now is dedicated to funding cutting-edge research.

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### **New website enabling health and social care research in Northern Ireland**

The Health and Social Care Research and Development (HSC R&D) Division of the Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland have launched their new website.

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## **The Economic & Social Research Council: celebrating 50 years**

In 2015 the ESRC turns 50. They are marking this anniversary through a range of activities highlighting the positive real-world impact of social science research over the last five decades and into the future.

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## **Reports and publications**

### **Cancer Research UK's Annual Review**

Cancer Research UK's Annual Review 2014/15, highlighting their work across the UK.

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### **The Metric Tide: Rethinking Research on Research**

This Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) report presents the findings and recommendations of the Independent Review of the Role of Metrics in Research Assessment and Management. A blog post by the Wellcome Trust explains the key findings.

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## **Events and opportunities**

[The Cancer Research UK/Bupa Foundation Cancer Prevention Initiative call for applications - closes 31 July](#)

[Consultation on data access launched by Health & Social Care Information Centre - closes 31 August](#)

[The UK Clinical Research Collaboration \(UKCRC\) Tissue Directory and Coordination Centre's first annual biobanking event - 29 September](#)

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