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NCRI newsletter

Welcome to our latest newsletter (issue 2, 2015)

Read on for research-related news from the NCRI Partnership and beyond.

If you're attending the NCIN Cancer Outcomes Conference in Belfast next week then be sure to come and visit us on the NCRI exhibition stand.

We'll be joined at the stand by Dr Karen Kennedy (NCRI Director), Richard Stephens (NCRI Consumer Lead) and Professor David Weller (member of the NCRI Primary Care Clinical Studies Group). Follow us on [Twitter](#) for further details.

Best wishes
The NCRI team

This issue's features

One day left to submit your abstracts for the 2015 NCRI Cancer Conference!

Would you like to receive feedback from the wider research community on your latest research? Submit your research by 5 June and join us in Liverpool for the 2015 NCRI Cancer Conference on 1-4 November. Late breaking abstract submission is due to open in August.

[Find out more...](#)

Working in partnership with patients - NCRI as a unique example to follow

A recent article in *Cancer world* discusses the changing role of patient advocates in research, and highlights the NCRI as a unique example of how to work in partnership with patients - bringing researchers together with patients and carers at all stages of the research process to ensure that important research questions are being tackled in the right way.

[Find out more...](#)

Updates across NCRI activities

Latest Chair rotations and opportunities within the CSGs

Chairs for the NCRI Clinical Studies Groups (CSGs) rotate every three years; read on for announcements of the latest incoming and outgoing Chairs. Chairmanship and membership opportunities are now available for various CSGs.

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Match-making through the NCRI Clinical Study Concept Registration scheme

An NCRI scheme to register and initiate collaborative discussions of new clinical study concepts has recently been launched.

[Find out more...](#)

Radiotherapy: update from CTRad

Now in its sixth year, and with a new block of funding agreed until 2018, our radiotherapy initiative, CTRad, is going strong. Its recent activities to boost radiotherapy research include a researchers' sandpit day, a workshop to scope ideas for Cancer Research UK's Grand Challenge and a proton beam therapy research town meeting.

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Biobanking: update from the UKCRC Tissue Directory and Coordination Centre

Launched in March 2015, the UKCRC Tissue Directory and Coordination Centre has been set up to support the work of biobanks by improving access to their collections of human tissue samples for research purposes.

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Early diagnosis: the 2015 NAEDI conference

The third National Awareness and Early Diagnosis Initiative (NAEDI) conference took place at the end of March. Cancer Research UK give a summary of the research presented in their science blog.

[Find out more...](#)

Patient and carer bursaries for the 2015 NCRI Cancer Conference

The Patient and Carer Bursary Scheme for the 2015 NCRI Cancer Conference is open for applications until 25 June 2015.

[Find out more...](#)

Partner news

Research at Worldwide Cancer Research

Find out more about Worldwide Cancer Research's new cancer research awards and the review process that selected them.

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Tenovus Cancer Care celebrating 50 years of research

Tenovus Cancer Care are celebrating 50 years of cancer research and have recently announced over £1m of new funding to mark this special occasion.

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Responding to patient need: LLR's research programme

In a recent blog post for AMRC, Dr Matt Kaiser, Head of Research at Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research (LLR), talks about the Patient Need study - a research programme committed to understanding the needs of people affected by blood cancer.

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Marie Curie brand refresh

As a part of Marie Curie's 2014-19 Strategic Plan, the charity has refreshed its brand and changed its logo. It aims to reach more people living with any terminal illness and their families, carers and friends. In support of this, the charity's name is now simply 'Marie Curie' and its new strapline is 'Care and support through terminal illness'.

[Find out more...](#)

NISCHR now known as Health and Care Research Wales

From 14 May 2015 the National Institute for Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR) - the Welsh government body that develops strategy and policy for research - will be renamed and branded as Health and Care Research Wales, in line with the new Welsh health and social care research infrastructure.

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Reports and publications

Assessing the research potential of access to clinical trial data

The Wellcome Trust have commissioned an independent study to look at research potential of increased access to trial data, and what mechanisms are needed to facilitate it.

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STFC Strategy for Cancer

The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) have recently published their cancer strategy. It sets out how they will harness their key strengths and capabilities to help address three priority areas associated with cancer (diagnosis, radiotherapy and long-term patient follow-up) and their commitment to establishing new collaborations and working in partnership.

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Is every patient a research patient?

An independent report commissioned by Cancer Research UK, "Every Patient a Research Patient?" evaluates the current state of research in the NHS.

[Find out more...](#)

Events and opportunities

[Earlybird registration still available for the 2015 NCRI Cancer Conference](#)

[The UK Knowledge Landscape Tool - help to build a picture of the UK research landscape](#)

[Cancer Research UK International Symposium on Oesophageal Cancer - 6-7 June 2015, Oxford](#)

[Opportunities to influence health research in the UK: NIHR research programme boards and panels](#)

[2nd EACR Special Conference on Cancer Genomics, 28June-1 July 2015, Cambridge](#)

[Upcoming CTRad and radiotherapy research related events \(various\)](#)