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# NCRI newsletter

## Welcome to the latest NCRI newsletter (November 2015)

We hope you enjoyed the 2015 NCRI Cancer Conference as much as we did - thanks to all of you that participated and helped to make it a great event. There were plenty of exciting sessions and networking opportunities - if you missed it or just want to take a look back, there are some highlights for you below. We also recently announced the launch of a new NCRI initiative in cellular molecular pathology and this is set to kick off early in the new year, with recruitment for key positions to take this initiative forward now underway.

Read on to find out more about these items and other research-related news from the NCRI Partnership and beyond.

Best wishes  
The NCRI team

## This issue's features

### Take a look back at the 2015 NCRI Cancer Conference

You can look back at some of the Conference highlights - a summary of some of the top research presented, a list of the research prize winners, photos and videos. Speaker presentations will also be made available to all registered delegates soon.

[Find out more...](#)

### NCRI's CM-Path initiative: now recruiting

More than half a million pounds from NCRI Partners has been committed to this new five year initiative, which aims to boost the UK's research activity in cellular molecular pathology. The initiative will launch in early 2016 and in preparation we are now recruiting a chairperson and four workstream leads as part of the Executive Group. We are also recruiting for workstream members. Deadline for application is Sunday 6 December.

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## Updates across NCRI activities

### Biobanking: registration now open for NCRI CCB's winter meeting

NCRI's Confederation of Cancer Biobanks (CCB) presents a meeting on 'Informed consent in a digital age' on Friday 11 December 2015 at the International Centre for Life, Newcastle. The meeting will

explore the meaning and importance of informed consent for the use of tissue samples in research from the perspective of the donor, regulator and scientist and explore new ways in which consent may be obtained using online techniques.

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## **Latest news from the NCRI Consumer Forum**

NCRI Consumer Forum members had a busy 2015 NCRI Cancer Conference. A poster on show, the highly esteemed Dragon's Den and a 50 hour 'hackathon'.

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## **NCRI Future of Surgery workshop series: workshop leads announced**

The NCRI Future of Surgery workshop series launched in September 2015, with an open call for applications to lead one of five surgical workshops. Workshop leads have now been appointed.

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## **NCRI's Clinical Research Director appointed as the NIHR Clinical Research Network's lead for cancer**

The NIHR Clinical Research Network has recently appointed eight clinical leaders as Specialty Cluster Leads to help shape clinical research in the UK. Professor Matt Seymour, NCRI's Clinical Research Director has been appointed as the lead for cancer.

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## **Partner news**

### **Launch of the Cancer and Nutrition NIHR infrastructure collaboration**

The Cancer and Nutrition NIHR infrastructure collaboration, which aims to provide a coordinated framework for future research into nutrition and cancer, was officially launched last month. It is now looking to identify leads and members for its workstreams.

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### **Marie Curie announces its largest call for research**

Marie Curie, in partnership with Chief Scientist Office (CSO) and Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND Association), is spending up to £1.425 million this year through the Marie Curie Research Grants Scheme to fund high quality research.

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### **Children with Cancer UK announce 2015 project grant round awards**

Children with Cancer UK have recently announced the award of eight new grants out of their 2014/15 project grant round, representing a total commitment of £1.4 million. The funded projects cover a range of childhood cancers including leukaemia, brain tumours, sarcomas, neuroblastoma and Wilms' tumour.

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## **Scottish Government sets out its new five year health and social care research strategy**

The Scottish Government has published its new five year health and social care research strategy which sets out how it plans to deliver their ambition of increasing the level of high-quality health research conducted in Scotland.

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## **Wellcome Trust launch new strategic framework**

The Wellcome Trust has recently launched a new strategic framework, building on their 2010 Strategic Plan. They intend to spend up to £5 billion over the next five years and their new framework sets out how they plan to improve health through three complementary approaches across science, research, and engagement with society.

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## **New Chief Scientific Advisor and Director in Northern Ireland**

Professor Ian Young has been appointed as the Chief Scientific Advisor to Northern Ireland's Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS), and Director of Health and Social Care (HSC) Public Health Agency (Research and Development division).

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## **European Data in Health Research Alliance launches petition**

The European Data in Health Research Alliance, established by Cancer Research UK, the Wellcome Trust and other health research organisations has launched a petition for individuals to show EU institutions that they support a new data protection law to allow researchers to continue to use individuals' data safely and securely in health research.

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## **Reports, publications and resources**

### **ECMC Network year of progress 2014/15 report**

The Experimental Cancer Medicine Centres (ECMC) Network has published its 2014/15 progress report. The report highlights a selection of work carried out across the network, including a consensus meeting that NCRI co-hosted with ECMC's on the harmonisation of cell-free DNA practices.

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### **Anti-metastatic drug development workshop**

Cancer Research Technology (CRT) and the CRUK Centre for Drug Development (CRUK CDD) recently hosted a workshop to discuss the complexities and opportunities within anti-metastatic drug development. A summary is now available online.

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### **The complete Routes to Diagnosis data**

The complete Routes to Diagnosis data, which cover more than two million patients diagnosed with cancer from 2006 to 2013, have been recently published by Public Health England.

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## **Guide for researchers working with health data**

The MRC Regulatory Support Centre has recently published a guide providing practical tips on how to access data from the Health and Social Care Information Centre.

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## **Events and opportunities**

[Prostate Cancer UK Travelling Prize Fellowships, apply by 7 Dec](#)

[Britain Against Cancer Conference 2015, London, 8 Dec](#)

[Health and Care Research Wales funding opportunity, apply by 16 Dec](#)

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