



# NCRI Newsletter

This month we held our second bi-annual Partner's meeting for 2018 - we had a jam-packed agenda for sharing insights and ideas around our collaborative projects. [Read a round-up of the highlights of this latest Partner's meeting](#). At the beginning of the month, NCRI were at ASCO, [find out about the great research that the NCRI helped to accelerate in our blog post](#).

We're calling for suggestions for topics for our new [Beyond the Horizon meeting series](#). We want you to suggest topics in areas of potentially transformative science, technologies or approaches relevant to cancer from across the research spectrum and patient path, or in fields that are not currently applied to cancer research, that require a platform to drive faster and more efficient progress.

We have many more NCRI updates below, as well as the latest news from our Partners, and events and opportunities.

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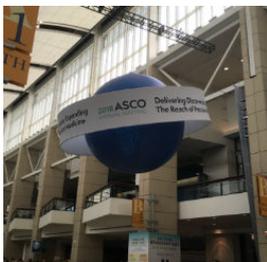
## NCRI news



### NCRI Summer Meeting round-up: imaging, animal welfare, research translation... and much more (including an igloo!)

On Wednesday 20 June we held our second bi-annual Partner's meeting for 2018. Lots of exciting projects were discussed as part of our strategy to accelerate cancer research. We had a jam-packed agenda for Partners and key stakeholders to share insights and ideas around our collaborative projects.

[Read a round-up of the highlights](#)



### NCRI at ASCO 2018

NCRI were at the 2018 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting, an opportunity to represent UK collaborative working and forge connections. Hear from Laura Chambers, NCRI's Clinical Research Groups Manager, about her experience: the people she met and the great research that the NCRI has helped to accelerate.

[Read Laura's blog post](#)



### Beyond the Horizon

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[Find out more and submit your suggestion](#)



## Looking for leaders in research to join our Clinical Studies Groups

If you would like to join other leading UK researchers to develop and oversee the next generation of clinical cancer research, we have several opportunities, including: Chair of our Head & Neck Group and Vice Chair of our Bladder & Renal Group. Deadline for application is 2 July.

[Find out more and apply.](#)



## 60-second interview with Dr Paul Nankivell, member of the NCRI Head & Neck Group

Aswell as being a member of our Head & Neck Group, Paul is also a Senior Clinical Lecturer and Consultant ENT/Head and Neck surgeon in Birmingham. Paul was one of the first trainees to join the NCRI Clinical Studies Group Trainee Scheme, for which applications are now open for the 2018 round. In this interview, Paul talks to us about his experience of the scheme and the opportunities it has opened up.

[Read Paul's interview](#)



## The UK's Top 10 research priorities for people Living With and Beyond Cancer

We have now held the final priority setting workshop - thank you for supporting this 18-month strategic UK-wide project. Over the next few months we will be working with patients, researchers and funders to determine how we can best translate the top priorities into research. An update will be presented at the Spotlight Session at the 2018 NCRI Cancer Conference.

[Find out more](#)



## Join the CM-Path Network of pathology centres

The NCRI CM-Path Network is a UK-wide group of pathology centres and we are now accepting applications for membership. The aims of the Network are to encourage and establish best practice for molecular testing across the UK, support pathologists/pathology centres to engage in tissue-based research and support academic and clinical training and development.

[For further information and to apply.](#)



## NCRI Consumer Forum Member, Margaret Grayson, awarded an MBE

Many congratulations to Margaret Grayson who received Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to cancer research in Northern Ireland. Margaret is Chair of the Northern Ireland Cancer Research Forum (NICRF) and, among many other important roles, is also a member of the NCRI Consumer Forum and its Steering Group.

[Find out more about the NCRI Consumer Forum](#)

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## Conference news

### Calling all cancer researchers

We want to learn about your decision making process when you choose to



attend an oncology conference. We're working with the University of the West of Scotland to understand your priorities and consider your needs. Your feedback and comments will help us continually improve future NCRI Cancer Conferences, so we'd be really grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our short survey to share your thoughts.

[Take the survey.](#)



## Final call for earlybird registrations

With only one day left to take advantage of our earlybird registration rates; don't miss out on your chance to take part in the UK's largest cancer research meeting. Register today to discover the latest advances in cancer research, network with leading oncology professionals and develop collaborations with your peers. With over 50 educational sessions spanning basic, translational and clinical science – there really is something for everyone! Deadline for earlybird registrations is 30 June.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Partner news and opportunities

**Bloodwise**  
The blood cancer research charity

### Bloodwise: call for project applications

The Bloodwise project grants scheme is open. Projects are for up to £250,000 and up to three years for clearly defined research projects addressing key questions in the field of blood cancer. The remit of the scheme also includes research projects that maximise the value and outcome of a clinical trial. Deadline for applications is 4pm on 20 September.

[Find out more](#)

**NHS**  
National Institute for  
Health Research

### NIHR Clinical Research Network CREST award open to nominations

The Cancer Research Excellence in Surgical Trials (CREST) award aims to recognise surgical teams who have made the greatest contribution in recruitment to the NIHR cancer trials portfolio and to generate some positive publicity within the surgical community for clinical trials. The nomination could be for a single surgeon, a surgical team, or for the Multi-Disciplinary Team in which the surgeons are active recruiters.

[Find out more](#)

**CANCER RESEARCH UK**

### CRUK announce funding for all pioneers

Do you have a high-risk idea that has the potential to be revolutionary? Cancer Research UK's Pioneer Award is open to individuals at any career stage. Successful grantees will walk away with up to £200,000 over two years to answer that novel, early-stage question. Next deadline is 5 September.

[Find out more](#)



Care and support  
through terminal illness

### Marie Curie Palliative Care Research Conference 2018 – registration now open

The conference, held jointly with the Palliative Care Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, will take place in London on 17 October. This year's theme is '*From Radical to Real: Implementing new models of palliative care,*' which focuses on identifying and understanding how radical and new models of palliative and end of life care work in practice, and how they can help to address current challenges in this important area.

[Find out more](#)



## MRC announce new grant application status to recognise research staff contributions

To support the development of researchers across different career stages, the MRC will introduce a new status to recognise the contributions of research staff as researcher co-investigators on grant applications from July 2018.

[Find out more](#)



## New HRA public involvement guidance for research applicants

The Health Research Authority (HRA) has issued new guidance to help researchers applying for ethical review better identify how their proposed study has been shaped by the involvement of patients, carers, service users or members of the public.

[Find out more](#)



## New research funding figures from AMRC

New figures from the AMRC show that medical research charities have maintained a collective spend of £1.6bn on research in the UK in 2017.

[Find out more](#)

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## Upcoming events

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### NCRI CTRad Proposals Guidance and Relaunch Meeting, 5 July, London

This meeting provides updates and/or shared experience pertinent to the radiotherapy research landscape. Delegates will learn about developing the various components of radiotherapy studies, which will also include patient and public involvement. There will be opportunity to network with other multidisciplinary radiotherapy researchers across the UK to foster collaboration.

[Find out more](#)

### AMRC Essential Research Management, 12 July, London

A one-day training introductory workshop on the fundamentals of research management for research staff at medical research charities.

[Find out more](#)

