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NCRI Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome to our January newsletter.

This month we held our 2019 NCRI Winter Meeting which brought together senior representatives from NCRI Partner organisations, industry and patient representatives. A key agenda item was an introduction to the newly formed [NCRI Strategy Advisory Group](#) and the main challenges, opportunities and gaps in cancer research for the NCRI to potentially address. Dr Ian Lewis, NCRI's Head of Strategy and Initiatives, gives us the low-down in his [most recent blog post](#).

In other news, we are pleased to [announce our new Consumer Lead](#) and the publication of our CM-Path initiative's [recent survey on human tissue release for clinical trials](#). We also give our congratulations to NCRI group members who were recognised in the [Queen's New Year's honours](#).

In addition, we have a host of opportunities and updates from across the NCRI partnership. Read on for more.

With best wishes.
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NCRI news



Introducing the NCRI Strategy Advisory Group

Our 2019 Winter meeting saw the introduction of the new NCRI Strategy Advisory Group - a group of thought leaders from across the research spectrum who will provide strategic advice to the NCRI Partnership to achieve our mission of accelerating progress in cancer-related research through collaboration. In his most recent blog post, Dr Ian Lewis, NCRI's Head of Strategy and Initiatives, introduces the group and the opportunities and gaps in cancer research that were highlighted for NCRI to potentially address.

[Read Ian's blog](#)



Emma Kinloch appointed NCRI Consumer Lead

We are pleased to announce that Emma Kinloch has been appointed as NCRI Consumer Lead, effective from 1 April 2019. She will provide leadership to the NCRI Consumer Forum, which brings together the patients, carers and others affected by cancer that participate in NCRI activities. Emma will take over from Richard Stephens whose tenure in the role will come to an end on 31 March.

[Find out more](#)

[NCRI survey on human tissue](#)

Journal of Clinical Pathology

release: findings published

NCRI's Cellular Molecular Pathology initiative (CM-Path) has recently published findings from their survey on human tissue release for clinical trials in the *Journal of Clinical Pathology*. The survey found that there is wide variation in practices relating to release of human tissue from their diagnostic archives for use in clinical trial research across the UK. The group identified barriers to the release of human tissue and highlighted the urgent need for clear and coordinated national guidance on this issue to overcome these barriers and ensure patient samples are made accessible for research.

[Read the article](#)

[Email the CM-Path Programme Manager to find out more](#)



NCRI in Queen's New Year's Honours List

We'd like to congratulate all those we work with in the cancer research community who were recognised in the New Year's honours, including Prof. Willie Hamilton of The University of Exeter and a member of our Primary Care Clinical Studies subgroup who received a CBE for services to improving early cancer diagnosis. Other members of our Groups included Prof. Tom Crosby of the Velindre Cancer Centre who received an OBE for services to Cancer Services in Wales and Prof. David Cunningham of The Royal Marsden who received an OBE for services to Cancer Treatment and Research.

NCRI events



Register for the NCRI Colorectal Cancer Trials Meeting

The 2019 NCRI Colorectal Cancer Trials Meeting will be held on **Friday 22 March 2019 in London**. The meeting will bring together experts in colorectal cancer research to discuss the latest advances and emerging research opportunities.

[Find out more and register](#)



Register for the NCRI pathology workshop

Registration is now open for the NCRI CM-Path workshop 'A Practical Guide to Pathology Research'. The workshop will take place on **Tuesday 2 April in London** and will cover the latest advances in tissue based research and a practical guide to developing research. There are oral presentation and poster presentation slots available at this event for trainees to present their research. Deadline for abstract submissions is Friday 15 February.

[Find out more and register](#)

Save the date: 2019 Living With and Beyond Cancer research event

Following the launch of The UK Top 10 Living With and Beyond Cancer (LWBC) research priorities by NCRI, we are pleased to announce a jointly-hosted event with the NHS Cancer Programme, as part of our ongoing work to translate these priorities into research and patient benefit. Aimed



at researchers and professionals undertaking or looking to undertake research in LWBC, the event will include plenary talks, workshop sessions and opportunities to network with funding bodies. It will take place on **29-30 April 2019 in Manchester**. Further information and programme details will be available on the NCRI website soon.

[Find out more about LWBC](#)

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 application is 4pm on 14 February 2019.

[Find out more](#)



**Brain Tumour
Research**

Together we will find a cure

£1.5m grant awarded for clinical research on brain tumours

Brain Tumour Research has recently announced that a £1.5 million grant from the Barts Charity has been awarded to brain tumour expert Silvia Marino who leads their Centre of Excellence at Queen Mary University of London. The funding will be used to create infrastructure at Barts Health NHS Trust that will enhance the research at The Brain Tumour Research Centre of Excellence and allow the team to run clinical trials with brain tumour.

[Find out more](#)

**breast cancer
now**

Apply now for Breast Cancer Now funding

Breast Cancer Now is calling for applications for Project, Fellowship or Risk and Prevention grants. The deadline for applications is Friday 1 March 2019.

[Find out more](#)



**CANCER
RESEARCH
UK**

Share your views on the NHS in England

The Government has recently published the NHS long-term plan for England – and CRUK want to hear the views of people affected by cancer. They are calling for people to participate in their short survey.

[Find out more](#)

NHS
National Institute for
Health Research

Invitation to tender: review of the challenges of clinical academic careers

NIHR is inviting proposals for a research study focusing on gender inequalities in clinical academic careers. This research is being funded by NIHR, CRUK, the Academy of Medical Sciences, Health Education England, MRC, and the Wellcome Trust. The deadline for submissions is **4 March 2019**.

[Find out more](#)

New partnership sees early phase trial launched

The NIHR Clinical Research Network Industry Alliance, CRUK's Combinations Alliance and Athenex, a global biopharmaceutical company, have partnered to progress an experimental chemotherapy drug that can

be taken orally into early phase clinical trials.

[Find out more](#)



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