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NCRI Newsletter

Dear Colleague,

To celebrate the successes of our collaborative work, we've created a new series of web pages that present some examples of the [impact of our work](#).

[The second survey in our Living With and Beyond Cancer initiative's Priority Setting Partnership is now open](#). This is asking patients, the people who look after or have looked after them, and the professionals who work with them to tell us what their priorities for research in this area are.

From another Priority Setting Partnership with the James Lind Alliance, led by our Teenage, Young Adult & Germ Cell CSG, we now have the top ten priorities for research in Teenage and Young Adult cancer. [Read our blog post to find out more about the need for the work and the priorities](#).

Our Clinical Trials Units are a vital aspect of the work that NCRI does and support in facilitating effective clinical trials. To help everyone that works with CTUs to deliver the best clinical trials that they can, the NCRI Cancer CTU Group [has published some principles for collaboration](#).

Finally, we share the news that our Director, Dr Karen Kennedy, [will be leaving the NCRI at the end of June](#).

We also have the latest news from Partners, and events and opportunities.

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NCRI update



The impact of our work

The NCRI works with many different stakeholders and in many different ways, with the aim of accelerating cancer-related research through collaboration. We've developed a new section of our website to showcase the real impact that all of this work has on cancer research and for people affected by cancer. Please do share these stories as a way to tell people about the work that you're involved in through the NCRI and the difference that we're making

together.

[>>Explore the impact that our work has.](#)

Have your say on the future of research relevant to Living With and Beyond Cancer

More and more people are living with the consequences of cancer and its treatment - what we have

We're working on a project to change this. We have opened a new survey for patients, the people who look after or have looked after them, and the professionals who work with them, to identify the most important questions that research should address – this is the second survey in our project.



Tell us which of these research questions are most important by completing our survey and help us to improve the lives of people affected by cancer. The survey will be open until 12 April 2018.

[>>Complete the survey here.](#)



Teenage and Young Adult cancer research priorities

The Teenage, Young Adult and Germ Cell CSG has completed its Priority Setting Partnership with the James Lind Alliance. The process has produced the top ten priorities for research in this area, as selected by people affected and health care professionals.

[>>Read more about the project and priorities in our blog post.](#)

Principles for collaboration – guidance produced by the NCRI Cancer CTU group



Collaboration between clinical trials units (CTUs), working in partnership with clinical investigators, and pharmaceutical company partners is a key aspect of UK clinical cancer research and has been a key contributor to the growth of clinical trial activity in cancer over the past decade.

The NCRI Cancer CTU Group have produced a guidance document entitled Principles for Collaboration with Pharmaceutical Company Partners to define standard terms of collaboration and facilitate effective delivery of the UK cancer trials portfolio. A complementary guideline, which describes the principles and considerations around reasonable access to and sharing of trial data with pharmaceutical company partners is also available.

[>>Read more and access the guidance documents here.](#)



CM-Path: providing clinical trial training for pathologists, in collaboration with the Royal College of Pathologists

In conjunction with our Cellular Molecular Pathology (CM-Path) initiative, the Royal College of Pathologists hosted the second of an annual workshop series. The workshop provided key information to pathologists who are keen to get involved in clinical research; including an introduction to navigating the academic career pathway, quality assurance in clinical trials, statistics and clinical trial design.

[>>Slides from presentations are now available.](#)

Our Director, Dr Karen Kennedy, will be leaving the NCRI at the end of June. Under Karen's leadership NCRI has gone from strength to strength; driving key collaborations that make progress in cancer research possible. Recruitment for a new Director is currently underway.



[>>Read our statement.](#)

Partner news

breast cancer **now** Breast Cancer Now – apply for project, PhD and catalyst grants

Breast Cancer Now is inviting Expressions of Interest from researchers who are interested in using Pfizer drugs for preclinical or clinical breast cancer research. Their project grant scheme is currently open and will close on Friday 2 March 2018.

They will then open again, along with their PhD scheme, on Friday 23 March 2018.

[>>Click here for further information.](#)



Cancer Research UK are asking you to celebrate your outstanding colleagues

Prizes.

Nominations are now open for Cancer Research UK's 2018 Researcher

Whether it's to honour the lifetime commitment of one of your colleagues, recognise the breakthroughs of an exceptional research team, or support future leaders, CRUK want to celebrate researchers who have shown outstanding dedication to beating cancer. The deadline is 30 March 2018.

[>>Click here for more information.](#)

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT Update from the Macmillan research grants scheme

In 2017, Macmillan launched their new open competition research funding scheme: the Macmillan Research Grants Scheme. They are pleased to share today news of research grants selected for funding through their inaugural call for research.

Macmillan will be launching the second annual funding round in April 2018.

[>>Read about the funded research projects here.](#)

Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund/Worldwide Cancer Research partnership co-fund exceptional research into pancreatic cancer



cancer. Both charities have committed an equal share of £235,000 to fund a research project led by Dr Angus Cameron at Barts Cancer Institute, Queen Mary University of London. The partnership is the first time that PCRF has co-funded a project, which has enabled it to increase the number of projects it can support this year.

[>>Find out more about this research.](#)



Tenovus Cancer Care iGrant funding opportunity

Tenovus Cancer Care fund research that meets the needs of cancer patients and their families, including cancer prevention research. Applications are welcome from all, including individuals, academic institutions, health professionals and voluntary organisations, where the lead applicant is based in Wales. iGrants can range from £1,000 to £30,000 with projects lasting up to 24 months. Deadline 5pm Monday 23 April 2018.

[>>Click here for more information.](#)

Other news

IRCI expression of interest call for new rare cancer working groups

International Rare Cancer Initiative is running an expression of interest call for new working groups who wish to develop an international trial in a rare cancer. The deadline for submissions is 5 April 2018.

[>>Find out more and apply here.](#)

Pancreatic Cancer UK would like to hear about the experiences and support needs of pancreatic cancer patients

Pancreatic Cancer UK has recently commissioned Oxford Brookes University and the Picker Institute to conduct a national survey that aims to better understand the support needs and care experiences of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer across the UK.

The survey is an opportunity for patients to share their experiences of care and what information and support is currently available to them. The survey results will be important in helping identify ways to improve support services and ultimately shape future service delivery.

[>>Click here to complete the survey.](#)

UKCRC TDCC survey – finding out what makes researchers tick

The UK Clinical Research Collaboration (UKCRC) Tissue Directory and Coordination Centre (TDCC) are

inviting UK-based biomedical researchers to complete a survey on human sample use in research. The survey is targeted at researchers in academic or industrial biomedical research. The survey will form part of the research project 'Barriers to using an online directory to identify human samples for research'.

The results of the survey will inform the development of the UKCRC TDCC, a national initiative which seeks to improve human sample access in the UK.

[>>Click here for more information and to complete the survey.](#)

Yorkshire Cancer Research launch funding round

Yorkshire Cancer Research is committed to investing £100m in ground breaking research and services, with the ambitious goal of saving 2000 lives a year in Yorkshire by 2025. This year they have allocated £4m to support the 2018 Funding Round and have also committed £6m to support commissioned research which will be available later in the year. The 2018 Funding Round will focus on three areas:

- Early Diagnosis and Cancer Screening
- Cancer Rehabilitation
- Clinical Trials

The deadline for preliminary applications is 15 March 2018.

[>>Visit the website for the full details.](#)

Upcoming events and opportunities

NCRI CM-Path workshop – the liquid biopsy: ctDNA, circulating tumour cells and bloodborne biomarkers

8 March 2018.

NCRI's CM-Path biomarker workshop series aims to discuss the current and future challenges of innovative biomarker developments, and agree on the barriers for delivery of clinical diagnostics assays. This is the second symposium in this series, and is organised by the CM-Path Discovery Workstream for the following objectives:

- Circulating tumour cell and ctDNA - where are we now?
- Recent advances in technology - where are we going?
- Applications in research & clinical trials
- Benefits and barriers to widespread adoption in clinical practice.

[>>Click here for more information.](#)

Merging clinical, biological and physical sciences: approaches for cancer research

10 April 2018.

In collaboration with the NIHR, Cancer Research UK and the EPSRC/BBSRC Physics of Life Network, this workshop will bring together clinicians, biologists and physical scientists to showcase successful existing collaborations and to promote engagement, new ideas and collaborations. This event will be taking place at BMA House in London.

[>>Click here for more information.](#)

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NCRI Upper Gastrointestinal CSG trials meeting –

Save the date

2 October 2018.

The NCRI Upper Gastrointestinal Clinical Studies Group (CSG) will hold its annual trials meeting in London (venue tbc). More details will be posted on the NCRI website soon.



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