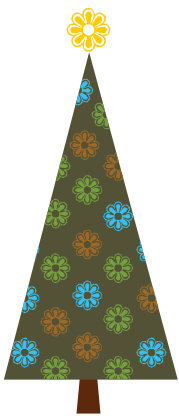




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'TAKE FIVE' – December 2011



Welcome to the December 2011 edition of 'Take Five', from the Yorkshire and Humber RDS, a regular email update, groaning with training events, research funding and the latest health news, and websites in neat little sets of five.

Please do feel free to forward this update to colleagues in your workplace.

Join our **email alert list** to receive our newsletter, 'Take Five' (monthly funding update) and information about events and other RDS activities - www.rds-yh.nihr.ac.uk

We are currently developing a number of their Learning Events as online resources, please see: <http://www.rds-yh.nihr.ac.uk/learning-events/podcasts.aspx>

Dates for the following events in York will be available to book online in early 2012:

- NIHR Funding Programmes - how to be successful!
- Writing Grant Applications using the NIHR Standard Application Form

Current Awareness

1. **Everyone to be 'research patient', says David Cameron**

Every NHS patient should be a "research patient" with their medical details "opened up" to private healthcare firms, says David Cameron. The PM says it will mean all those who use the NHS in England will be helping in the fight against disease. He hopes the result will be that patients get faster access to new treatments and Britain's life sciences sector will become a world leader. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-16026827>

2. **GP's 'denied freedom to make NHS reforms work'**

GPs planning to take charge of the NHS budget in England claim they are being denied the freedom to make a difference to patients by "bullying" managers.

GP-led consortia will take charge of buying and planning care in April 2013.

The Clinical Commissioning Coalition, set up to represent the groups, said doctors felt they were being blocked and coerced by local health chiefs.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-16009998>

3. **Cancer 'drives families into debt', says charity report**

Two-thirds of parents of children with cancer surveyed by a cancer charity say they have been forced to borrow money to make ends meet. Of the 245 families interviewed, 76% said that their child's illness had had a major impact on finances with two in three parents experiencing a loss of earnings. The survey was carried out by children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent. It wants the government to ensure families get more financial support. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-16003013>

4. **Dystrophy patients face 'avoidable' hospital admissions**

The NHS is wasting up to £31m a year - and putting lives in danger - because it does not give the right care to people with muscle-wasting conditions, according to campaigners. A report covering eight NHS trusts found 41% of emergency admissions for such patients could have been avoided. The Muscular Dystrophy Campaign report says patients miss out on

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access to specialists and equipment. Ministers said care for patients would improve with planned NHS modernisation.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-16004112>

5. **WHO issues Europe measles warning**

European countries need to act now to tackle measles outbreaks, the World Health Organization warns. [The WHO report](#) says there were over 26,000 measles cases in 36 European countries from January to October 2011. Western European countries reported 83% of those cases, with 14,000 in France alone. In England and Wales, there were just under 1,000 confirmed measles cases in that period - compared with just 374 in the whole of 2010.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-15999492>

Funding Opportunities (Projects and Programmes)

1. [National Institute for Health Research Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre \(NETSCC\) HTA Programme Primary Research](#)

Amount of funding available is unspecified.

Closing date: 01 October 2012

Duration: Unspecified

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=1281>

2. [National Institute for Health Research Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre \(NETSCC\) HTA Programme](#)

The amount of funding available is unspecified.

Closing date: 01 October 2012

Duration: Unspecified

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=7786>

3. [National Institute for Health Research \(NIHR\) - Central Commissioning Facility \(CCF\) Programme Development Grants](#)

Programme Development Grants will provide funding of £20k to £100k (over a period of 6 – 18 months).

Amount of funding available: > £100K

Closing date: 26 March 2012

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=13536>

4. [Cancer Research UK Population Research Committee Programme Grant](#)

No set value. Funding decisions are made on the basis of scientific merit. Funding is normally provided for up to 60 months.

Amount of funding available: Unspecified

Closing date: 22 June 2012

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=13976>

5. [Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund Programme Grants](#)

The amount of funding available is unspecified.

Amount of funding available: £50K - £100K

Closing date: 28 February 2012

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=12622>

Funding Opportunities (Fellowships)

1. [MRC - Medical Research Council MRC/Stroke Association Clinical Research Training Fellowships](#)

Fellowships offer up to three years support, and are intended to provide an opportunity for clinically trained individuals to undertake training in stroke research.

Amount of funding available: £50K - £100K

Closing date: 19 January 2012

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=13685>

2. [MRC - Medical Research Council MRC/Fight for Sight Clinical Research Training Fellowship](#)

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At the pre-doctoral level, the fellowship provides a competitive personal salary up to but not including NHS consultant level, and a research training support grant of up to £15,000 per year (or £45,000 over the three year period). This may cover consumables, PhD fees, equipment, conference travel, other course fees; however, each item must be separately costed and justified. At the post-doctoral level, the fellowship provides a competitive personal salary, up to but not including NHS consultant level, research expenses, and travel costs at an appropriate level for the research, under full economic costs (FEC).

Amount of funding available: £50K - £100K

Closing date: 19 January 2012

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=15553>

3. [MRC - Medical Research Council](#)

[MRC/The Royal College of Ophthalmologists Clinical Research Training Fellowship](#)

At the pre-doctoral level, the fellowship provides a competitive personal salary up to but not including NHS consultant level, and a research training support grant of up to £15,000 per year (or £45,000 over the three year period). This may cover consumables, PhD fees, equipment, conference travel, other course fees; however, each item must be separately costed and justified. At the post-doctoral level, the fellowship provides a competitive personal salary, up to but not including NHS consultant level, research expenses, and travel costs at an appropriate level for the research, under full economic costs (FEC).

Amount of funding available: £50K - £100K

Closing date: 19 January 2012

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=15555>

4. [Diabetes UK](#)

[Clinical Training Fellowships](#)

The fellowship is for a period of up to three years and the salary will be paid at appropriate registrar scales. Applicants may also apply for justifiable research costs up to a total of £10,000 per year.

Amount of funding available: > £100K

Closing date: 01 November 2012

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=2057>

5. [Arthritis Research UK](#)

[Clinician Scientist Fellowships](#)

Fellows will be paid on the Clinical Lecturer Scale with the first year's salary reflecting their current specialist registrar or equivalent salary. The salary will rise annually in line with the Clinical Lecturer Scale which will continue to apply even if the applicant obtains their CCST during the course of the fellowship.

Amount of funding available: Unspecified

Closing date: 10 December 2012

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=1354>

Funding Opportunities (Studentships)

1. [Ataxia -Telangiectasia Society](#)

[Postgraduate Studentships](#)

Amount of funding available is unspecified.

Closing date: Apply Anytime

Duration: Unspecified

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=2893>

2. [National Eye Research Centre](#)

[Postgraduate Studentships](#)

Grants for PhD Studentships are for a three-year period and up to £60,000.

Amount of funding available: £10K - £50K

Closing date: 15 January 2012

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=220>

3. [British Heart Foundation](#)

[Non-Clinical PhD Studentships](#)

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Award may include: Student stipend at current BHF rates; Tuition fees at standard home student rate (set by the research institution); Research consumables, directly attributable to the project, usually less than £10,000 per year.

Amount of funding available: Unspecified

Closing date: Apply Anytime

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=7446>

4. [Wellcome Trust](#)

[Four-Year PHD Studentship Programme - Biomedical Science \(Students\)](#) Support is provided for four years and includes: - a stipend - PhD registration fees at UK/EU student rate - contribution towards laboratory rotation expenses in the first year - research expenses for years two to four - contribution towards travel - contribution towards transferable-skills training.

Amount of funding available: £50K - £100K

Closing date: Apply Anytime

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=8557>

5. [NERC - \(Natural Environment Research Council\)](#)

[Masters Studentships](#)

£8,077. Students based in London will also receive London weighting of £2,000

Amount of funding available: £5K - £10K

Closing date: Apply Anytime

Duration: 6 months - 1 year

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=11199>

Health Websites/Gateways/portals

Sadly Intute is no longer updating its list of new health websites, so for the time being we will be using HON (Health on the Net) Code. http://www.hon.ch/HONcode/Pro/LatestActivity/recentSites_reeval_United_Kingdom.html

http://www.hon.ch/HONcode/Patients/LatestActivity/recentSites_USA.html

1. [Gastrotraining](#)

Gastro Training is an educational site with training resources for gastroenterology professionals.

<http://www.gastrotraining.com/>

2. [Epilepsy Group](#)

This is the website of the Cochrane Epilepsy Group, which comprises an international network of health care professionals, researchers and consumers preparing, maintaining, and disseminating systematic reviews of randomised controlled trials in the treatment of epilepsy. <http://epilepsy.cochrane.org/>

3. [Heart Group](#)

This is the website of Cochrane Heart Group, London, U.K. Its aim is to prepare, maintain and promote the access of systematic reviews of the effects of interventions for treating ischaemic and all other heart diseases and preventing cardiovascular diseases.

<http://heart.cochrane.org/>

4. [Tobacco Adiction Group](#)

The Cochrane Tobacco Addiction Group supports reviews of interventions to help people quit smoking and to prevent smoking uptake. <http://tobacco.cochrane.org/>

5. [Neuromuscular Diseases Group](#)

The Neuromuscular Disease Group aims to provide systematic reviews of all interventions for all neuromuscular diseases, including amyotrophic lateral sclerosis/motor neuron disease, peripheral nerve disorders, myasthenia gravis and neuromuscular function disorders, and muscle diseases. <http://neuromuscular.cochrane.org/>

And finally...the Metro reports...

“Santa traffic warden gets into the Christmas spirit on busy road“

Read more: <http://www.metro.co.uk/weird/884002-santa-traffic-warden-gets-into-the-christmas-spirit-on-busy-road#ixzz1fnL5cFyz>

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