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# 'TAKE FIVE' – October 2011

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Welcome to the October 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.

## Upcoming Learning Events

For more details about learning run by the RDS for the Yorkshire and the Humber and information about how to book a place on one of these courses please see our website: <http://www.rds-yh.nihr.ac.uk/learning-events.aspx>

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 Sheffield, Leeds and York will be available to book online in October 2011:

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

## Current Awareness

### 1. **Beta blockers 'may stop breast cancer spreading'**

Cancer experts are to carry out a major study to see if commonly used blood pressure drugs cut the risk of breast cancer spreading. Data from 800 patients has already shown those previously given beta blockers had half the chance of their cancer spreading as women who had not. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-15117324>

### 2. **Cigarette vending machines banned in England**

The sale of tobacco from vending machines has been banned in England, with anyone caught selling cigarettes in machines facing a fine of £2,500. The Department of Health said the ban had been introduced to prevent under-age sales to children and to support adults who were trying to quit. The rest of the UK is expected to implement a similar ban next year. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15132529>

### 3. **New non-emergency health phone number to launch**

A non-emergency telephone number for NHS services is to launch across England, the Department of Health says. The 111 number, which has been tested in four areas, will be available nationally by April 2013. The service will replace NHS Direct, which the government announced it was scrapping last year. It will give health advice and information about services such as out-of-hours GPs, walk-in centres, emergency dentists and pharmacies. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15138597>

### 4. **Students' mental health 'at risk', psychiatrists warn**

Doctors are warning that the current generation of students has a greater risk of anxiety and depression than previous ones. The Royal College of Psychiatrists says there are now many more students from less privileged backgrounds who are less

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prepared for university life. Students also face rising debt and uncertain job prospects, it warns. It is concerned universities may see counselling and support services as an easy target for cuts. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-15112980>

### **5. Fake medicine trade: UK crackdown on drug importers**

Investigators are cracking down on the multi-million pound trade in fake and unlicensed medicines, as concerns grow over potential health risks. BBC News joined investigators on one of their raids. More people are diagnosing their medical problems and buying medicines online - boosting the growing trade in fake and illegitimate drugs supplied without a prescription. Enforcement agencies warned that those taking the drugs are risking their health, as they launched an international operation to tackle the problem. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulation Agency (MHRA) says more than a million doses of medicines worth approximately £2m have been seized from the UK's postal service and ports during its latest crackdown. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15095056>

## **Funding Opportunities (Projects and Programmes)**

### 1. [Alzheimer's Research UK](#)

#### [Major Programme/Project Grants](#)

The Major project or programme scheme provides funds (from £150,000 to a maximum of £1 million over two to five years) for high quality research projects or programmes. There is one application round each year.

Amount of funding available: > £100K

Closing date: 15 January 2012

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=1758>

### 2. [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>

### 3. [Diabetes UK](#)

#### [Project Grants](#)

There is no limit to research expenses that may be requested, however all requests must be fully justified. Applicants applying for £500,000 or more must contact the office in the first instance and should normally hold substantial funding from Diabetes UK. Applicants applying for £15,000 or less should follow the Guidelines for Small Grant Applications.

Amount of funding available: > £100K

Closing date: 01 December 2011

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=553>

### 4. [Kidney Research UK](#)

#### [Research Project Grants](#)

The maximum research project grant available is £180,000 spread over a period up to three years.

Amount of funding available: > £100K

Closing date: 02 March 2012

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=463>

### 5. [Leverhulme Trust](#)

#### [Research Project Grants](#)

Grants of between £250,000 and £500,000, for up to five years. For further details please see their website.

Amount of funding available: > £100K

Closing date: 01 December 2011

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=976>

## **Funding Opportunities (Fellowships)**

### 1. [British Heart Foundation](#)

#### [Senior Clinical Research Fellowship](#)

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Award may include: Salary of applicant; Salary of technician or research assistant if required and fully justified; Research consumables, directly attributable to the project; Research equipment essential for the project.

Amount of funding available: > £100K

Closing date: Apply Anytime

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=9592>

2. [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 2011

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

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

3. [Kidney Research UK](#)

[Career Development Fellowship](#)

Financial support will be based upon an appropriate point on current NHS or University pay scales. An allowance for consumables will be available.

Amount of funding available: > £100K

Closing date: 25 November 2011

Duration: Unspecified

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=7198>

4. [Parkinson's UK](#)

[Senior Research Fellowships](#)

Career Development Awards are offered for up to £250,000 for 36 months in the first instance.

Amount of funding available: > £100K

Closing date: 05 December 2011

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=8818>

5. [Alzheimer's Research UK](#)

[Research Fellowships](#)

Up to £10,000 per annum

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

Closing date: 15 January 2012

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=6315>

## Funding Opportunities (Studentships)

1. [British Heart Foundation](#)

[Non-Clinical PhD Studentships](#)

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>

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. [Yorkshire Cancer Research](#)

[PhD Studentship Award](#)

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Each Award will support a successful applicant with an annual stipend in line with current Research Council guidelines ([www.mrc.ac.uk](http://www.mrc.ac.uk)) together with university fees. Awards would be for a period of up to four years.

Amount of funding available: Unspecified

Closing date: 30 November 2011

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=15125>

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. [Nuffield Foundation](#)

[PhD Training Oliver Bird Rheumatism Programme in the Biosciences](#)

A tax-free starting stipend of over £16,000 (plus London allowance where appropriate) with annual increases, UK/EU fees, research expenses and a meeting and travel allowance. Four years in duration.

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

Closing date: Apply Anytime

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=242>

### 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/Pro/LatestActivity/recentSites_reeval_United_Kingdom.html)

[http://www.hon.ch/HONcode/Patients/LatestActivity/recentSites\\_USA.html](http://www.hon.ch/HONcode/Patients/LatestActivity/recentSites_USA.html)

1. [British Paediatric Surveillance Unit \(BPSU\)](#)

This site describes the British Paediatric Surveillance Unit of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

[www.rcpch.ac.uk/bpsu](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/bpsu)

2. [CONNECT: The World of Critical Care Nursing](#)

CONNECT is the official journal of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) and is published in association with the European federation of Critical Care. [www.connectpublishing.com/](http://www.connectpublishing.com/)

3. [EdREN - website of the Renal Unit, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh](#)

This site provides information for patients and health professionals on kidney diseases. EdRenINFO is a source of information for patients and non-specialist physicians. [www.edren.org](http://www.edren.org)

4. [Health Guide](#)

Health Guide - the site for health related internet resources. Provides links on health related issues. [www.healthguide.co.uk/](http://www.healthguide.co.uk/)

5. [Menopause Matters](#)

An independent, clinician-led site aiming to provide accurate information about the menopause and treatment options.

[www.menopausematters.co.uk](http://www.menopausematters.co.uk)

### And finally...the Metro reports...

#### 'Mr Penguin reveals plans for penguin-themed funeral'

Belgian Alfred David has such an obsession with penguins that his biggest wish is to be laid to rest in a penguin-adorned coffin near Antarctica, dressed in a penguin costume. Read more: <http://www.metro.co.uk/weird/877192-mr-penguin-reveals-plans-for-penguin-themed-funeral#ixzz1ZkRuLyQU>

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