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'TAKE FIVE' – November 2011

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Welcome to the November 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 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. **Clock change 'stops outdoor play'**

Not putting the clocks back would help in the fight against child obesity, a study suggests. According to research, children are more influenced by daylight than the weather when deciding whether or not to play outside. UK researchers report that not changing the clocks would give more opportunities for active play. It strengthens the public health arguments for proposed changes to daylight saving, they say. The research, published in the Journal of Physical Activity and Health, studied the activity levels of 325 children in south-east England aged between eight and 11.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-15646812>

2. **NHS: Elderly care dossier shows 'shameful attitudes'**

A dossier containing "shameful" stories about the care elderly patients receive in NHS hospitals in England has been published by campaigners. The Patients Association said the 16 cases include people being denied pain relief, left to sit in their own faeces and going without food and drink. It comes after criticism from other groups and the charity said it was highlighting the tip of the iceberg. The government said it was determined to "root out poor performance". A programme of unannounced inspections would continue, the Department of Health added. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-15639046>

3. **Cardiff University new Parkinson's therapy hope**

A new technique could improve the quality of life for patients with Parkinson's Disease, according to research led by Cardiff University. Patients with the early stages of the disease were trained to control areas of the brain associated with movement by using the power of thought alone. A clinical evaluation later found their movement had improved by up to a third. The charity Parkinson's UK described the research as "exciting" but stressed "these are very early days". The study, published in The Journal of Neuroscience, involved ten patients with the disease that affects the brain and results in slow movements and a tremor. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-15644449>

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4. Defibrillator revives Glendaruel village phone box

Life-saving equipment to treat cardiac arrest victims has been fitted into an unused phone box in an Argyll village. The traditional red kiosk in Glendaruel now has a defibrillator machine which tells the user how to give treatment with step-by-step instructions. The machine analyses the victim to determine if they are having a cardiac arrest. If required, it delivers a powerful but controlled electric shock to restore normal heartbeat. The equipment, paid for by BT under its Adopt A Kiosk scheme, is kept in a steel cabinet and can be opened with instructions from the Scottish Ambulance Service by calling 999. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-15613218>

5. Look out for dementia warning signs, families urged

Families are being urged to look out for the warning signs of dementia when they visit their elderly relatives. It is part of a government advertising campaign in England aimed at encouraging early diagnosis. Experts believe the festive period is a time when many people realise family members may have a memory problem. They are now being warned to act on it and seek help by the Department of Health, which is launching a TV and national press campaign on the issue. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-15581986>

Funding Opportunities (Projects and Programmes)

1. 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>

2. National Institute for Health Research Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC)

HTA Programme Clinical Evaluation and Trials

The amount of funding available is unspecified.

Closing date: 30 January 2012 Projects

Duration: Unspecified

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=9215>

3. MRC - Medical Research Council Research Grants

Under the research grant scheme applicants may request support for a period of up to five years, which can include: - The salary of the principal investigator and co-investigators - Support for additional posts - research, technical or other consumables - Equipment - Travel costs - Data preservation, data sharing and dissemination costs. The budget for research grant awards will not typically exceed £1 million.

Amount of funding available: > £100K

Closing date: 12 January 2012 Projects

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=6728>

4. Arthritis Research UK Project Grants

To provide for the salary of postdoctoral researchers and/or technical assistance, running costs and the purchase of small items of essential equipment. In addition, Arthritis Research UK will enhance the salaries of all non-clinical postdoctoral research staff employed on project grants. Project Grants may provide funding of up to £300,000.

Amount of funding available: > £100K

Closing date: 30 May 2012 Projects

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=28>

5. Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants

Up to £10,000.

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

Closing date: 31 August 2012 Projects

Duration: Unspecified

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=6654>

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Funding Opportunities (Fellowships)

1. [British Heart Foundation](#)

[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/ListCharityDetails.asp?CharityID=437>

2. [European Crohn's & Colitis Organisation](#)

[ECCO Fellowships](#)

A total amount of 30,000 Euro (approx £26,187) will be awarded annually for one ECCO Fellowship.

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

Closing date: 01 October 2012

Duration: 6 mths - 1 year

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=11982>

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

[MRC/Kidney Research UK Clinical Research Training Fellowships](#)

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=12871>

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

[MRC/British Infection Society 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. Where animals are requested for the project, funding may be sought separately from the research training support grant. If the fellowship includes an element of research training outside the UK, overseas travel to the training centre and living allowances may also be requested separately from the research training support grant. 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: > £100K

Closing date: 19 January 2012

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=15912>

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

[MRC/The Prostate Cancer Charity 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. Where animals are requested for the project, funding may be sought separately from the research training support grant. If the fellowship includes an element of research training outside the UK, overseas travel to the training centre and living allowances may also be requested separately from the research training support grant. 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: > £100K

Closing date: 19 January 2012

Duration: > 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=15914>

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Funding Opportunities (Studentships)

1. [British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy PhD Studentship Scheme](#)

Funding permitting, one award will be made alternate years.

Amount of funding available: unspecified

Closing date: 01 November 2012

Duration: Single Payment

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=14291>

2. [Hospital Infection Society Major Research Grant](#)

Up to £33,000 per annum for 1-3 years.

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

Closing date: 31 July 2012

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=167>

3. [British Heart Foundation MBPhD Studentships](#)

Awards 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: £50K - £100K

Closing date: Apply Anytime

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=8090>

4. [Laura Crane Trust PhD Studentships](#)

Up to £80,000 available in total.

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

Closing date: Apply Anytime

Duration: Unspecified

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=1997>

5. [Science and Technology Facilities Council CASE Studentships](#)

The amount of funding available is unspecified.

Closing date: 01 September 2012

Duration: 1 year - 3 years

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=14276>

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. [chILD Lung Foundation](#)

This sites main aim is to offer support to families affected by chILD and serve as a contact platform between families. We are also dedicated to raising awareness and the profile of these rare lung diseases. www.childlungfoundation.org

2. [Carpal-Tunnel.net](#)

This site provides information on the specific condition carpal tunnel syndrome and hosts an online questionnaire intended to provide a preliminary assessment of symptoms. www.carpal-tunnel.net

3. [eHealthIQ.com](#)

To provide the general public, students, and health professionals a health knowledge search engine offering smarter health information, credible health publications, videos and pictures, community services, medical news, and doctor reviewed health articles from the web's leading health content providers. eHealthIQ.com

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4. [Med-list](#)
This site is a comprehensive medical internet directory intended as a resource for physicians, students, patients, and staff. www.med-list.com/
5. [Prognosis.org](#)
prognosis.org offers direct access to fast, clinically useful online prognostic models to be used by qualified health professionals. www.prognosis.org/

And finally...the Metro reports...

'Detectives carry out unusual identity parade with vegetables as suspects'

Detectives in Cambridgeshire had to dig deep to get to the root of an allotment theft – so they held an identity parade of vegetables.

Read more: <http://www.metro.co.uk/weird/881135-detectives-carry-out-unusual-identity-parade-with-vegetables-as-suspects#ixzz1dE04IK4Z>

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