


## Welcome to the HYMS Research Office October Newsflash!

Please forward on as you feel appropriate and send any items of potential interest to: **Research** for inclusion in our next **Newsflash**. We would also like to be able to inform you of each other's **recent publications** or **research outputs** and would be very grateful if you would inform us of details as and when they are published.

Thanks and kind regards,

*Liz Allen and Lisa Schubert*  
*HYMS Research Support Office*

**NB:** Webpage links and email addresses are indicated with **bold blue writing** followed by 


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## News!


### **Effective Care for Older People with Depression**

The UK's largest ever study into the primary care of older people with depression is being carried out by researchers at the University of York. Under the £1.6 million CASPER project, the York Mental Health Research Group – a partnership between **HYMS** and the University's Department of Health Sciences - is examining the effectiveness of screening and psychological treatments for people aged over 75 with depression.

To read more, [click here](#) 


Congratulations to **Professor Khalid Naseem** and Professor John Greenman on being awarded funding to carry out research to be based in the new facility provided by the Allam Building, which is now under construction at the University of **Hull**. Professor John Greenman has won an NC3R grant worth £450,000 to research blood clotting in patients with ovarian and pancreatic cancers. Professor Khalid Naseem has been awarded funding worth a total of £427,000 to run two research programmes aimed at understanding how blood platelets are controlled in order to prevent blood clotting. The first £241,000 was awarded by the Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) and the second, £186,000 was awarded by the British Heart Foundation. See news article [here](#) 

### **North and East Yorkshire Research and Development Alliance Newsletter**

Please follow the link to the [latest newsletter](#) 


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## Recent Local Publications:


Stephen G. Oxberry, David J. Torgerson, J. Martin Bland, Andrew L. Clark, John G.F. Cleland and Miriam J. Johnson [Short-term opioids for breathlessness in stable chronic heart failure: a randomized controlled trial](#)  European Journal of Heart Failure (2011) 13, 1006–1012


Hannah Zacharias, Janet Raw, Anne Nunn, Sharon Parsons, **Miriam Johnson** [Is there a role for subcutaneous furosemide in the community and hospice management of end-stage heart failure?](#)  Palliative Medicine 25(6) 658–663

Line V. Knudsen, Ariane Laplante-Lévesque, **Lesley Jones**, Jill E. Preminger, Claus Nielsen,

Thomas Lunner, Louise Hickson, Graham Naylor & Sophia E. Kramer [Conducting qualitative research in audiology: A tutorial](#)  International Journal of Audiology 2011; Early Online, 1–10

Ariane Laplante-Lévesque, Line V. Knudsen, Jill E. Preminger, **Lesley Jones**, Claus Nielsen, Marie Öberg, Thomas Lunner, Louise Hickson, Graham Naylor & Sophia E. Kramer [Hearing help-seeking and rehabilitation: Perspectives of adults with hearing impairment](#)  International Journal of Audiology 2011; Early Online, 1–10

Natasha Mitchell, Catherine E Hewitt, Shalmini Jayakody, **Muhammad Islam**, Joy Adamson, **Ian Watt** and David J Torgerson [Randomised controlled trial of food elimination diet based on IgG antibodies for the prevention of migraine like headaches](#)  Mitchell et al. Nutrition Journal 2011, 10:85

**V Agarwal, M J Lind, L Cawkwell** [Targeted epidermal growth factor receptor therapy in malignant pleural mesothelioma: where do we stand?](#)  Cancer Treatment Reviews 37: 533-542 (2011)

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## Events:

### Infection and Immunity Seminar


**Wednesday 5 October at 12.15pm**, Room Q/014, Centre for Immunology and Infection  
'Recruitment of distinct regulatory T cells following Schistosome or Leishmania infection' **Dr Mark Wilson - NIMR, MRC**

Host: Dr Adrian Mountford

If you would like to arrange to meet with Dr Wilson please email [Philip Kerrigan](#) 

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### Next CHE (Centre for Health Economics) Seminar

**Thursday 6 October at 2pm**, ARRC Auditorium A/RC/014, University of York  
**Do hospitals react to financial incentives? The impact of Payment by Results on emergency cardiac treatment in English hospitals** 

**Katharina Hauk**  Senior Research Fellow, Imperial College London

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### PALAEO Centre Launch

You are cordially invited to the launch of PALAEO, the Centre for Human Palaeoecology & Evolutionary Origins on **Tuesday 18 October at 2pm** in the Bowland Auditorium, Berrick Saul Building, University of York.

PALAEO is an interdisciplinary research centre in human evolution and palaeoecology that brings together York's world-leading expertise in evolutionary anatomy, palaeoenvironmental studies, prehistory and geochronology.

The launch comprises a scientific meeting, open to academics and students from York and elsewhere, as well as members of the public, to highlight the research done by researchers in the PALAEO Centre. They will be joined by four internationally-known researchers working in human palaeoecology and evolution (Prof Chris Stringer, Natural History Museum; Prof Martin Jones, University of Cambridge; Prof Jean-Jacques Hublin, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig; Prof Andrew Whiten, University of St Andrews).

A wine reception will be held in the Treehouse, Berrick Saul Building at 18.30, followed by a public lecture by Dr Alice Roberts at 19.30 (venue tbc).

More information about PALAEO can be found on the [PALAEO website](#) 

A map of the campus showing the Berrick Saul Building can be found by [clicking here](#) and the nearest pay and display car park is Campus Central (please note that parking on campus is extremely limited so use of public transport is recommended if possible).

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### **Autism in Deaf Children Clinical Research Group**

**Friday 11 November**, ARRC lecture theatre, University of **York** (parking at North Car Park). This meeting will be free for those actively researching clinical aspects of autism in Deaf children (or those directly providing autism services for Deaf children who have a research interest). It is a network meeting to join researchers from around the world together, to help develop this work further. Please come ready to discuss your ideas.

#### **Programme:**

- 09:30 Arrival and tea/coffee
- 10:00 – 10:20 Barry Wright, Clinical Lead National Deaf Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service England  
*Autism and deafness: a clinical overview*
- 10:20 – 11:00 Keri Lodge Academic Clinical Fellow, York, UK; Hull York Medical School  
*Screening and assessment instruments for autism in children who are deaf: a systematic review*
- 11:05 – 11:45 Aaron Shield, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Psychology, Boston University  
*Preliminary goals of research into deafness and autism: Documenting and making connections*
- Comfort break
- 12:00 – 12:40 Tanya Denmark, PhD Research Associate, Deafness Cognition and Language Centre, University College London  
*Do deaf children with Autism Spectrum Disorder show deficits in the comprehension and production of emotional and linguistic facial expressions in British Sign Language?*
- 12:45 – 13:45 LUNCH and Networking
- 13:45 – 14:30 Christen Szymanski PhD Director Research and Evaluation & Laurent Clerc National Demonstration School for the Deaf, Gallaudet University, Washington  
*A much needed science of implementation for deafness and autism: Knowledge from the field*
- 14:35 – 15:15 Amy Izycky, Clinical psychologist, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS  
*Skills required for effective social communication as measured by narrative ability: Clinical Implications for assessment of ASD in deaf children*
- 15:20 Comfort Break
- 15:30 - 16:10 Debbie Mood, Psychology postdoctoral fellow, JFK Partners  
*Screening for autism spectrum disorders in early childhood among children who are deaf and hard of hearing*
- 16:15 – 17:00 Open discussion around future research in the area

Please let Catherine Arthurson in York know if you are coming by [emailing](#)

There will be three qualified BSL interpreters available. If you have any other specific communication needs or dietary needs please let Catherine know.

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### **HEPI Autumn 2011 Conference**

**Tuesday 22 November**, The Royal Society, **London**

The Higher Education Policy Initiative invites you to attend the upcoming conference **Assessing impact, rewarding excellence: REF 2014 and beyond**

To register, please [click here](#)

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The Hull York Medical School and Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust present **Infection Matters 2011**, following three years of successful events, on **Friday 25 November**, from

**9.00am to 3.00pm** in the Lecture Theatre, East Riding Medical Education Centre (ERMEC), **Hull** Royal Infirmary. Approved by the Royal College of Physicians for 4 CPD credits, this is an opportunity to hear national and international speakers including HYMS Professor of Surgery, **Ian Chetter** and Deputy Dean for Research, **Professor Paul Kaye**, who will speak about 'Immunology of infection for dummies!'

Please [email](#) by **Friday 18 November** to register or if you require further details. The event is free of charge and includes refreshments and lunch.

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### **HYMS - Forthcoming Events**

- **Check regularly for upcoming events, including dates for:**  
Cell & Molecular Biology Lunch Clubs; Infection & Immunity Seminars; York Medical Society Meetings and more

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### **HYMS - Short courses and CPD**

- **Check regularly for a range of courses aimed at practising healthcare professionals.**

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### **Research Design Service for Yorkshire and the Humber - Learning Events**

- **List of forthcoming events**

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### **University of York ARRC - Forthcoming Seminars**

- **List of forthcoming Seminars from the Alcuin Research Resource Centre.**

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### **University of York CHE - Forthcoming Seminars**

- **List of forthcoming Seminars from the Centre for Health Economics**

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### **Wellcome Trust - Scientific Conferences 2011 and 2012**

- **Hinxton, Cambridge: Follow the link for all 2011 conference registration dates**  
Scientific conferences (up to 300 delegates) are held at the Wellcome Trust Conference Centre. These are mainly open, registration-fee paying conferences run on a not-for-profit basis.

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## **For Information:**

### **HYMS Statistical Consultancy Service**

**Dr Victoria Allgar**, HYMS Senior Lecturer in Medical Statistics offers a statistical consultancy service to NHS researchers in North and East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire. The service offers comprehensive advice on statistical matters, including:

- designing a study
- calculating a sample size
- managing data
- analysing, interpreting and presenting data
- using statistical packages
- publishing your results

Victoria will be holding the following advice sessions in the R&D Department at the Daisy Building, Castle Hill Hospital, **Hull** between 9am to 1pm on the following dates:

Monday 10th October  
Monday 17th October  
Monday 7th November  
Monday 21st November  
Monday 5th December  
Monday 19th December

Please [email](#) to make an appointment or if you have any queries, or contact Victoria on 07775 907204.

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## North and East Yorkshire R&D Alliance Unit

- **Two new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) guidance documents have been published:**

**R&D/G05: R&D Unit Research Adviser Services (version 1.0)**

**R&D/G06: Conflicts of Interest in Research (version 1.0)**

**These are released for training and will be formally implemented on 17th October 2011.**

Self-directed training must be carried out by all staff to whom the SOP is relevant and this training documented in their training record. Staff should take time to read and fully understand the SOP and relevant documents, ensuring that they are able to implement the SOP on the date given above. If clarification is needed then please contact the [SOP Controller](#) who will arrange additional training. All staff should complete their training before the date that the SOP is formally implemented. All staff are responsible for maintaining their own SOP Training Logs. Training Logs can be downloaded from the North and East Yorkshire Alliance website (link above).

SOP Training will also be provided by the R&D Unit as required and is a mandatory requirement for research teams prior to any Alliance Trust Sponsored CTIMP being given Final NHS Permission.

For full details please see the [Unit's website](#)

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## University of York Centre for Health Economics (CHE) - [Does better disease management in primary care reduce hospital costs?](#)

CHE Research Paper 65 - written by Mark Dusheiko, Hugh Gravelle, Stephen Martin, Nigel Rice and Peter C Smith is now available by clicking [here](#)

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## University of York SPRU (Social Policy Research Unit) - [A Qualitative Study Exploring Employers' Recruitment Behaviour and Decisions: Small and medium enterprises](#)

### **SME employers' attitudes towards employing disabled people**

What needs to be done to encourage SME employers to feel confident in hiring people with disabilities?

This latest research explored the recruitment behaviour and decisions of employers of small and medium-sized enterprises in the UK and how these might relate to the employment of disabled people.

A key element of the design in this research was to identify employment vacancies as they were advertised by employers, so that the exploration of recruitment decisions was in as close to real time as possible. In this way the interviews took place in a meaningful context and it limited any problems with recall that can occur in retrospective interview accounts.

The findings highlight:

- the factors influencing the recruitment decisions of SME employers
- their attitudes and experiences of employing disabled people
- their perceptions of the validity of arguments for employing disabled people.

The report concludes with a discussion of the policy implications which arise from the findings.

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## **Funding Opportunities:**

**Medical Research Council (MRC) and National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Efficiency and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) programme – Commissioned Research Calls**

Commissioning brief titles are:

- **Research on novel imaging technology**
- **Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and restrictive lung diseases**

Deadline: 1pm on Monday 24 October

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**Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund – Junior Research Fellowships**

Deadline: Monday 24 October

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**Royal Society – Industry Fellowships**

Deadline: Monday 24 October

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**Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – Placement Fellowship in the NIHR Collaboration and Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care – South Yorkshire (CLAHRC-SY)**

Deadline: 4pm on Thursday 27 October

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**Alzheimer’s Research UK – Pilot Project Grants**

Deadline: Friday 28 October

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) – e-health Informatics Research Centres**

Deadline: Tuesday 1 November

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**Wellcome Trust – Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowships**

Deadline: Friday 4 November

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**Waterloo Foundation – Child Development – Research in to Epilepsy**

Deadline: Friday 4 November

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**Royal Society – Wolfson Research Merit Awards**

Deadline: Tuesday 8 November

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**The Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust - Peel and Rothwell Jackson Postgraduate Travelling Fellowships**

Two fellowships available, worth up to £30,000 to spend up to a year overseas - The aim of a fellowship may be research, advanced study, or the acquisition of a new clinical skill unlikely to be available in the UK. Candidates are expected to be planning a career in the UK which will be enhanced by spending up to a year at a centre of international excellence.

Deadline: Thursday 10 November

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**Wellcome Trust and National Institutes of Health – Four Year PhD Studentships**

Deadline: Monday 14 November

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**BBSRC - Joint Synthetic Biology Initiative**

Deadline: Tuesday 22 November

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**Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) – Connected Communities research programme: supplementary call for scoping studies and research reviews**

Deadline: Thursday 24 November

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**Alzheimer's Research UK – Equipment Grants**

**Deadline: Friday 25 November**

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**Alzheimer's Research UK – Network Cooperation Grants**

**Deadline: Friday 25 November**

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**Alzheimer's Research UK – Preparatory Clinical Research Fellowship**

**Deadline: Friday 25 November**

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**Alzheimer's Research UK – Sabbaticals and Secondments**

**Deadline: Friday 25 November**

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**Kidney Research UK – Senior Non-clinical Fellowships**

**Deadline: Friday 25 November**

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**Diabetes UK - Equipment Grant**

**Deadline: Friday 2 December**

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**Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research – Clinical Trials Funding**

**Deadline: Friday 2 December**

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**EPSRC - Nanoscale technology Enabled healthcare: building the supply chain**

The Technology Strategy Board, in partnership with EPSRC, is to invest up to £9m in grant funding to support highly innovative, business led collaborative research projects focussed on nanoscale technology-enabled solutions for the healthcare sector.

**Deadline: Tuesday 6 December**

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**BBSRC - Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases UK-US Collaborative Funding**

**Deadline: Wednesday 7 December**

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**Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – Connected Communities**

**Programme: community engagement and mobilisation**

**Deadline: Wednesday 14 December**

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**Arthritis Research UK – Educational Research Fellowships**

**Deadline: Wednesday 21 December**

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**Wellcome Trust – Translation Awards**

**Deadline: Friday 6 January 2012**

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**Arthritis Research UK – Clinical Research Fellowships**

**Deadline: Wednesday 11 January 2012**

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**Alzheimer's Research UK – Clinical Research Fellowship**

**Deadline: Friday 13 January 2012**

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**Parkinson's UK – Innovation Grants**

**Deadline: Monday 30 January 2012**

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**Wellcome Trust – Research Training Fellowships**

**Deadline: Friday 3 February 2012**

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**Waterloo Foundation – Child Development Research in to Autism**

**Deadline: Friday 2 March 2012**

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**Waterloo Foundation – [Child development - research into dyslexia, developmental coordination disorder, ADHD and trauma](#)**

**Deadline: Friday 2 March 2012**

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**Royal College of General Practitioners – [Scientific Foundation Board Grants](#)**

**Deadline: Saturday 30 June 2012**

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**Arthritis Research UK – [PhD Studentships](#)**

**Deadline: Wednesday 8 August 2012**

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**Arthritis Research UK - [Career Progression Fellowships](#)**

**Deadline: Wednesday 19 September 2012**

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**Waterloo Foundation – [Child Development – dissemination support](#)**

**No deadline**

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**Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness – [Research Initiation Grants](#)**

**No deadline**

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**EMF Biological Research Trust – [Research Grants](#)**

**No deadline**

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## **RD Funding**

- The following may be of interest:
    - Latest [funding opportunities](#) from RDFunding
    - [Training courses, workshops and conferences](#) from RDLearning
    - [Advice, Information and Support](#) from RDDirect
    - [Research Process Flowchart](#) which maps the different stages of the research process and provides hints, tips and checklists for researchers at all levels.
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## **[Royal College of Nursing R&D website](#)**

For nurse and AHP related opportunities.

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## **[NIHR TCC Opportunities for Nurses, Midwives and AHPs](#)**

A major new initiative to boost clinical academic careers for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals.

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## **[NIHR Research Design Service for Yorkshire and the Humber](#)**

A wealth of funding opportunities from the NIHR and other funders.

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## **[US Department of Health](#)**

Opportunities are frequently available – check their website on a regular basis or sign up to their quarterly newsletter by clicking the link on there.

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## **[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#)**

Also linked to the US Department of Health and providing a vast array of potential [funding opportunities](#)

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**Thank you**

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