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### NCRS BiobankLink Service

**Have you been considering adding value to your tissue and biosample collections through data linkage?**

Established by the Public Health England National Cancer Registration Service (NCRS), the BiobankLink Service is an automated and secure service for exchanging and linking data between a biobank or investigator-led collection and cancer registration records held on cancer patients diagnosed or treated in England.

[Learn about how your biobank can apply to access the BiobankLink Service and how the Imperial College Health Care Tissue Bank have been involved in piloting this tool...](#)

### First MSc in research biobanking launched by KCL

In September 2015, King's College London is launching the UK's first masters degree in research biobanking. This new one-year full time course from one of the world's leading universities is the first programme of its kind in the UK.

[Find out more...](#)

**Welcome to the latest issue of *CCB Update* - the newsletter from the National Cancer Research Institute's (NCRl) Confederation of Cancer Biobanks (CCB).**

Our new look newsletter features updates from the Wales Cancer Bank following their impressive 10th anniversary; explains how UK Biobank is enabling research across a broad spectrum of diseases; and gives you a sneak peak at the new look and feel of the CCB website.

### New look CCB website launched!

CCB is pleased to announce the launch of our new website, designed with a fresh new look and user-friendly navigation, updated with the latest information about events, news and our members.

The new site comes with some fantastic new features, including:

- \*a fresh, updated design, with more space for members to contribute news stories and develop rolling news
- \*better use of video and images
- \*clearer and more prominent labelling and signposting of key information

[Visit the new website...](#)

The CCB Secretariat welcomes you to submit content for the website - including news items (good new stories, job adverts, events) and resources (such as case studies, academic courses). To submit or share what you would like to see on the site, contact us at [CCB@ncrl.org.uk](mailto:CCB@ncrl.org.uk).

**Happy 10th Birthday Wales Cancer Bank**



## Introducing our CCB's new members

The CCB are pleased to welcome the following biobanks to the CCB:

>> Cambridge Blood and Stem Cell Biobank (*Provisional member*)

>> The Daisy Tumour Bank (*Provisional member*)

[Find out more about the benefits of CCB membership and how to become a member](#)

Thursday June 19th saw the (WCB) celebrate their 10th anniversary with a public event in Cardiff. The journalist and broadcaster Nick Ross, famed for Breakfast TV, Crimewatch and Watchdog, hosted some Q&A sessions and debates throughout the day.



[Alison Parry-Jones tells us about the Wales Cancer Bank story so far and how they celebrated.....](#)

## UK Biobank - open for access!

UK Biobank has come a very long way in the past 10 years. Now 'open for business,' we explore the progress made in delivering the UK Biobank resource, on-going enhancement activities and why is it now up to the research community to find innovative ways of using UK Biobank to improve the health of future generations. [Read more....](#)

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