



Sir Stuart Rose Appointed New Chairman

The Healing Foundation is delighted to announce that Sir Stuart Rose will be appointed as its next Chairman of Trustees. Sir Stuart will succeed Lord Patten of Barnes, the former Governor of Hong Kong, who has chaired the charity since its formation in 1999.

Sir Stuart has recently stepped down as Chairman of Marks & Spencer plc, after leading the company into recovery over his six year tenure.

Since 2007, Sir Stuart has led fundraising for the Healing Foundation as Appeal Chairman, securing gifts and pledges in excess of £4 million.

Commenting on his appointment, Sir Stuart said, "This is an important cause. You only need to see babies with cleft, or meet soldiers injured in Afghanistan, to know how vital this work is. Chris Patten is a tough act to follow but I'll do my best. These are difficult times, especially for fundraising, but I'm looking forward to it".

Lord Patten welcomed Sir Stuart's appointment: "The Healing Foundation is going to be in great hands. We've achieved a lot in the last 10 years and I know Stuart is the right man to build even greater things on these foundations".

Sir Stuart will join the Board in April 2011.



Major Cleft Research Awards for Bristol and Manchester

The University of Bristol and The University of Manchester to host Healing Foundation Centres for Cleft Lip and Palate Research

Following a national competitive process, the Healing Foundation has invited the University of Bristol to establish The Healing Foundation Cleft Gene Bank supported by VTCT, and the University of Manchester to set up the Healing Foundation Cleft Research Centre supported by VTCT.

To better understand the possible 'environmental' (lifestyle, health, diet etc.) factors and possible genetic contributors, The Healing Foundation Cleft Gene Bank, under the leadership of Professor Jonathan Sandy, will gather, over the next 3 to 5 years, up to 5,000 sets of 'DNA information' from children with cleft, their siblings and parents (i.e.

up to 5,000 families). Through analysing these samples with detailed family history and associated health information, researchers will be able to study the likely environmental factors that impact on the incidence of this condition, as well as identify which genes are implicated in the hereditary development of cleft. The largest of its kind in the world, the Gene Bank will enable health professionals to gain a better understanding of the genetic and environmental influences that cause cleft, leading to improved care for all affected children and their families.

The Healing Foundation Cleft Research Centre supported by VTCT at The University of

Manchester under the leadership of Professor William Shaw, will establish a UK-wide clinical research infrastructure to support a range of clinical trials and other important projects in cleft throughout the UK, all aimed at improving the treatment and care for babies with cleft.

Commenting on the research programme, Professor Sir John Temple, Healing Foundation Research Council Chairman said: "Despite being the most common congenital abnormality, very little is known about the causes of clefting. This research on such a large scale could lead to ground-breaking intervention for the babies born with this distressing and disfiguring condition."



Professor Jonathan Sandy



Professor William Shaw

New Faces of the Healing Foundation



Dr Matthew Hardman joined the Healing Foundation Centre (for Tissue Regeneration) at the University of Manchester as a Principal Investigator in September 2010. Dr Hardman's team will be focusing on why wounds in older people take longer to heal, leaving them susceptible to chronic ulcers. His recent work has revealed oestrogen deficiency to be a key factor in poor healing. Therapeutic replacement of oestrogen can promote wound healing, but

unfortunately long-term HRT (therapeutic oestrogen replacement) has been linked to an increased risk of developing cancer. Dr Hardman and his team will be exploring oestrogen-like therapeutics that maintain oestrogen's beneficial effects (i.e. promoting wound healing) without the detrimental cancer-causing effects. This work will form an important part of the Centre's overall objective, to advance the current understanding of wound healing and tissue regeneration.



Elaine Emmerson, The David Hammond Foundation Research Fellow, is one of Dr Hardman's PhD students at the Healing Foundation Centre (for Tissue Regeneration) at the University of Manchester. She has been kindly supported by the David Hammond Charitable Foundation which will be funding her two year fellowship. Elaine is investigating 'the role of oestrogen receptor signalling in delayed wound healing'. Her previous research has revealed that two

oestrogen-like drugs, tamoxifen and raloxifene, might work in a similar way to oestrogen without the drawbacks. When these drugs were tested in oestrogen-deficient mice, normal skin-healing was restored without any apparent side effects.

Ambassadors



Callum Stewart

Callum was born in 1992 with a unilateral cleft lip and palate. He has had various operations since then including a bone graft and a "nose job" to make breathing easier. Windsurfing is his main focus in life and he says he has gained enormous confidence from the sport and the people involved in it.



Harry Fitzpatrick

Harry was born in 1994 with a bilateral cleft lip and palate. He has endured numerous treatments, including a complex bone graft. He loves playing rugby and cricket.



Helen Mercer

Helen was born in 1990 with a bilateral cleft lip and palate. Over the years she has had thirteen operations to repair her lip and palate and to help improve her hearing. She is currently studying medicine at Sheffield University.

Callum, Harry and Helen's stories can be found in full on the Healing Foundation website – www.thehealingfoundation.org.

Lord Grade of Yarmouth CBE is Newest Recruit to the Executive Appeal Team

The Healing Foundation is delighted to announce that Sir Stuart Rose has made a further addition to his Executive Appeal Team. Supporting him on fundraising for the Foundation is Lord Grade of Yarmouth CBE. Michael is currently Chairman of Ocado, the online supermarket, and Chairman of Pinewood and Shepperton Film Studios. He has had a long and distinguished career in broadcasting, encompassing ITV, BBC and 10 years as Chief Executive of Channel 4 television. He is a Vice-President of Charlton Football Club and was awarded a CBE in the 1998 New Year's Honours. In January 2011, Michael became a Life Peer and he will sit on the Conservative benches in the House of Lords.



KPMG Raise over £22,000 for the Healing Foundation

KPMG's Emerging Leaders Programme is an initiative which fast-tracks learning and training for the top 15 percent of young professionals who could be future leaders of the firm.

Working in teams of 3 or 4, KPMG's Emerging Leaders were given the opportunity to turn £500 of seed money (provided by KPMG) into £10,000 for the Healing Foundation through any fundraising method of their choice.

Emerging Leaders from KPMG's South East office, based in Crawley, completed a Three Peaks Challenge and funds donated to the Healing Foundation were also raised through a balloon release and raffle party organised by KPMG's Snowhill office in Birmingham.

Dr Sam Bella, a Healing Foundation Research Fellow, who attended the event in Birmingham, said "We are delighted with the support KPMG is providing the Healing Foundation. All funds raised will be put towards our important programme of research tackling distressing conditions such as cleft lip and palate, improving treatment and care for people suffering burn injuries and advancing our knowledge of wound healing".

Dr Sam Bella, Healing Foundation Research Fellow, with the KPMG team in Birmingham at the balloon launch.



From left to right, James Tracey, Karl Edge, Dr Sam Bella, Simon Albrighton, Viv Wright and Katie Edwards.

Sir Stuart Rose Hosts Drinks Reception at Marks & Spencer

Sir Stuart Rose hosted his fourth Reception at Marks and Spencer's headquarters in London on Monday 27th September 2010.



Sir Martin Sorrell, Marc Bolland, Richard Desmond



Kate Silverton and Sir Stuart Rose

*VTCT's Brian Boyce,
Surgeon Vice Admiral
Philip Raffaelli,
Sir Stuart Rose*



Luke Wiseman, Dr Sharon O'Kane, Sir Ian Botham, Dr Yvonne Burne

New Plans for Burns Research

In December 2010, ten applications were received from UK universities and hospitals to host a Healing Foundation Centre for Burns Research.

The Healing Foundation will establish up to three centres in the UK fulfilling its vision to create a multi-disciplinary and integrated programme of research, education and training across a broad span of burn care. The initiatives will foster important collaboration and provide coordination in burn injury study. Up to £1.5m is being made available to each centre over five years.

The Selection Panel overseeing the process of award includes Mr David Mackie, President of the International Society of Burn Injuries (ISBI), Professor Maggie Dallman, Principal of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Professor of Immunology at Imperial College, London, and Professor Tim Briggs, Medical Director of London's Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital. Expert review is also being provided by luminaries such as Dr Steve Wolf, Chief of Clinical Research at the United States Army Institute of Surgical Research, and Professor Peter Maitz, Chair for Burn Injury and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Sydney.

Awards will be made in Summer 2011.

Karla Conway, Sir Ian Botham, Jonnie Goodwin



Healing Foundation Research – Where is the money spent?

Aberdeen The Healing Foundation/BBA, Medical Student Elective Award 2010, the University of Aberdeen Medical School, £1,200 ends June 2011

Birmingham The Healing Foundation/CFSGB&I, Medical Student Elective Award 2010, The University of Birmingham, £1,200 ends June 2011

Bristol The Healing Foundation Cleft Gene Bank supported by VTCT at the University of Bristol, £2m over 5 years

Cardiff The Healing Foundation/BAPRAS, Medical Student Elective Award 2010, Cardiff University, £1,200 ends June 2011

Dundee The Healing Foundation/ CFSGB&I, Medical Student Elective Award 2009, University of Dundee Dental School, £1,200 ends June 2011

Glasgow The Healing Foundation/BAPRAS, Medical Student Elective Award 2009, University of Glasgow, £1,200 ends June 2011

London The Healing Foundation/BAPRAS, Medical Student Elective Award 2010, St Georges, University of London, £1,200 ends June 2011

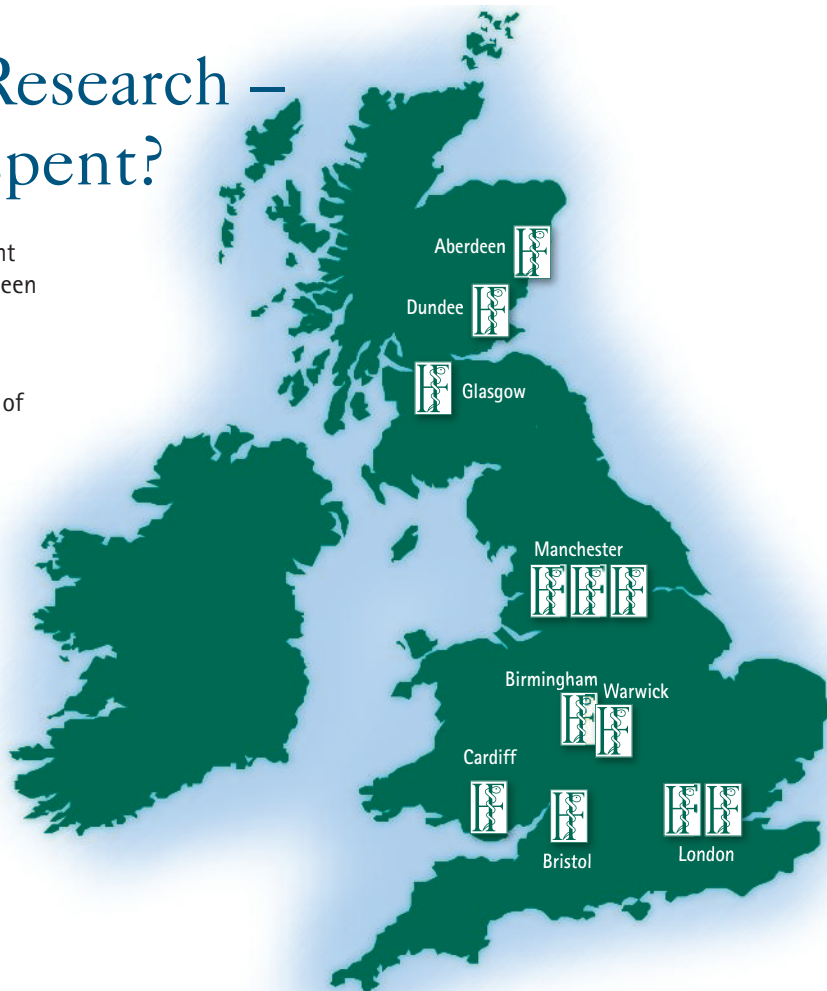
London The Healing Foundation/BAPRAS, Medical Student Elective Award 2010, University College London, £1,200 ends June 2011

Manchester The Healing Foundation Centre (for Tissue Regeneration) at the University of Manchester, £5m over 25 years

Manchester The Healing Foundation Centre for Cleft Research supported by VTCT at the University of Manchester, £2.4m over 10 years

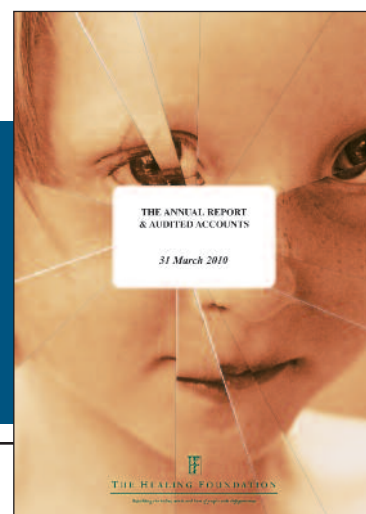
Manchester The Healing Foundation/AB Wallace Memorial Award, The University of Manchester, £4,980 for one year, ends September 2011

Warwick The Healing Foundation/BAPRAS, Medical Student Elective Award 2009, University of Warwick, £1,200 ends June 2011



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