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The Peter Sowerby Charitable Foundation launches

A major new grant-making charitable Foundation was launched today at the House of Lords. Medical entrepreneur and former GP Dr Peter Sowerby has set up the Peter Sowerby Charitable Foundation with a significant multi-million pound endowment.

The Foundation was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in January 2011 (reg. charity no. 1139854).

Objectives

The Foundation will make targeted grants to charities working within its areas of interest, which are strongly based on the passions and concerns of Dr Sowerby and his late wife, Ann. The areas of interest can be divided into three key areas: **medical research and healthcare provision, education, and community and environment.**

Grants

To celebrate its launch, the Peter Sowerby Charitable Foundation is delighted to announce the following major grants:

- To the **Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College London**, a major grant over five years, to establish the **Peter Sowerby Forum for Primary Care**, with the purpose initially of developing a strategy to bring together primary and secondary care data and then to ensure the proposals are implemented to open new avenues for research to improve patient care.

The Forum will be administered by the **Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College** and will conduct research into better integrating primary and secondary care through improving the data available and providing new insights into data usage.

- To **King's College London**, a major grant over ten years, to **endow a Chair** with the purpose of building on the university's groundbreaking work on the relationship between philosophy and medicine.
- To the **Royal College of GPs** a major annual grant to fund five '**Sowerby Innovation Fellows**' supporting GPs to undertake research into innovations in the practice of primary care.
- To **Marie Curie Cancer Care**, a major grant of over three years, to fund **Marie Curie nurses** working in North Yorkshire and York.
- To **Help the Hospices**, a major grant over three years, to support the development

[The Peter Sowerby Charitable Foundation](http://www.petersowerbyfoundation.com)

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of their **digital ehospice** project, bringing real-time palliative care intelligence and news to healthcare professionals.

- To **LocalGiving.com** a grant to work within North Yorkshire and its rural communities to help local charities and communities gain digital skills and use **Localgiving.com** tools to raise their profile and receive online donations, thus making them more sustainable. 2013 will also see a variety of major grants made to charities working in arts and horticulture and related fields.

The Peter Sowerby Charitable Foundation will not consider unsolicited applications.

Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt MP, said: *'I greatly welcome the initiative from the Peter Sowerby Charitable Foundation and the Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College to work out how linking primary and secondary care data can improve the care patients receive. The Government and the NHS are committed to providing patients with a transferable medical record and this project is a great example of how philanthropy and a leading academic institution can work together, to bring an authoritative independent view on an important issue that can bring huge benefits to patients throughout the NHS.'*

Sir Thomas Hughes-Hallett, Executive Chair of the Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College London, added: *'we are delighted that the Peter Sowerby Charitable Foundation has made this extraordinary philanthropic donation which will allow the Institute of Global Health Innovation to take forward crucial research that can lead to better healthcare for all.'*

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Notes to Editors

The Foundation's key areas of interest, in more detail, are:

Medical research and healthcare provision
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary medical care and research into technologies that improve the delivery of primary care• Research undertaken by GPs• Innovation and technology to improve primary care, particularly in rural communities• Terminal care; support for those suffering terminal illnesses and associated research
Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for young people from disadvantaged families and communities to go to medical school• Teaching of philosophy; in schools and assisting people to study philosophy at university; particularly linked to medical training• Support for family supported educational charities in Africa
Community and environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural environment; support for the enhancement of horticulture, trees & forests• Arts; supporting young/emerging creative artists, writers and performers and local communities• North Yorkshire and its communities; including support for social housing, local Air Ambulance services and other local causes• Renewable energy; supporting sustainable energy development

Egton Medical Information Systems Limited

The company that Dr Sowerby helped to found, Egton Medical Information Systems Limited (EMIS) (www.emis-online.com), has grown over more than twenty years to be the largest supplier of clinical information systems to General Practitioners in the UK.