

Words Worth Reading Ltd

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Welcome to the January edition of the Words Worth Reading Ltd newsletter. We would like to wish all of our customers a very happy new year. We start the year with some exciting news; we will be relaunching our bid writing service, tailoring it to focus specifically on independent healthcare services and the voluntary sector. We have also been busy this month helping our healthcare clients to prepare for their Information Governance audits and submissions.

Scottish Booktrust offers writers residencies in France

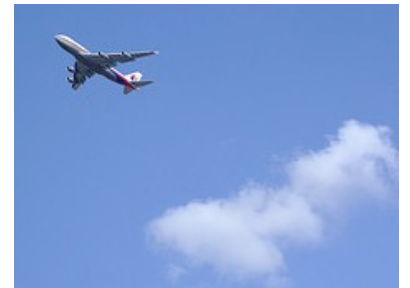
Supported by Creative Scotland, Scottish Booktrust is offering places for four published writers on the Robert Louis Stevenson Fellowship programme. Each writer will enjoy a month long residency at the Hôtel Chevillon International Arts Centre at Grez-sur-Loing in France. The residencies will take place in June, July, August and November 2015.

Each accepted writer will receive a month's accommodation in a self-catering cottage at the Hotel Chevillon International Arts Centre. Travel costs to and from France will be paid and the writer will receive £300 per week.

To be eligible to [apply](#) for a Robert Louis Stevenson Fellowship, writers should live and work in Scotland and should be practising novelists, poets, children's writers, dramatists and screenwriters who would benefit from time away from their usual surroundings.

Self-published writers should [get in touch](#) before applying to check eligibility.

The closing date for applications is 10 February.



Scientists Discover the Secret to Writing a Best Selling Novel



Computer scientists from Stony Brook University in New York have developed an algorithm, which can predict with 84 per cent accuracy whether a book will be a commercial success. The answer is simple; avoid cliches and excessive use of verbs.

A technique called statistical stylometry, which mathematically examines the use of words and grammar, has been effective in determining how popular a book would be.

However, there is always a catch, the scientists responsible for the algorithm said that a range of factors determine whether or not a book will be successful, including external factors such as luck.

Spotted on Twitter



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Be a part of something big. Join the #ChangeChallenge campaign and have your say on the changes affecting the NHS: [http://bit.ly/ChangeChallenge15 ...](http://bit.ly/ChangeChallenge15...)



NHS Alliance @nhsalliance

News: NHS funding: Many parts of England not getting their 'fair share,' claims report - <http://ind.pn/1wBvCtF>



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Kids E-Reading, With a Little Help From Their Parents: New research shows children are reading ebooks and pare... <http://bit.ly/1FzdLgd>



The Guardian @guardian

20 apps and games to download for the New Year <http://gu.com/p/44y9y/tw>

Charity of the Month



This month we are raising money for Harrison's Fund. The charity aims to eradicate Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy by funding research into the debilitating muscle disease.

<http://harrisonsfund.com/about.php>

Revisions to EU data protection laws could have a profound impact on the NHS

The European Union has been working on new data protection legislation to ensure that EU citizens' personal data is protected equally across all EU countries. The legislation, still under negotiation, will impact on the NHS.

NHS England, along with the IG Alliance and coordinated by the NHS European Office are working to ensure that patients' data will be appropriately protected.

The critical concern for the NHS will be to maintain the flexibility to process personal data without the need to obtain explicit consent for every processing activity. This includes ensuring that those NHS organisations that de-identify data for use in secondary purposes (Health & Social Care Information Centre and accredited safe havens) will be able to maintain this function.

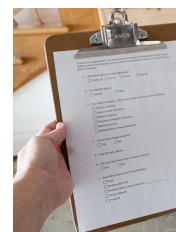
The new EU legislation could make it illegal for NHS organisations to charge a fee to cover costs when patients request copies of their paper medical records. Funds would be diverted from other services to cover these costs.

The proposed new obligations of data controllers and processors takes a 'one size fits all' approach, which is difficult to apply across every sector, and across every EU member state. Those working with the EU are trying to ensure flexibility is maintained.

Finally, the new regulation could also have an impact on life-saving medical research. The use of personal data in research without specific consent would be prohibited or become impossible in practice.

You can find out more about the new legislation and the impact it may have on the NHS by visiting www.england.nhs.uk

Latest reports on GP Practices published this month



The Care Quality Commission has published 50 reports on the quality of care provided by GP practices in different parts of the country. Since the inspections by specialist teams, 42 of the practices have been rated as 'Good', one has been rated as 'Outstanding', and seven have been rated 'Requires Improvement'.

Under CQC's new programme of inspections, all GP practices in England are being given a rating according to whether they are safe, effective, caring, responsive and well led.

[Full reports on all 50 inspections are available here.](#)

In other news...

- If you would like to know more about the relaunch of our bid writing service, tailored to focus specifically on independent healthcare services and the voluntary sector. [Click here.](#)
- There has been further media coverage on CQC's actions in relation to Grantley Court Nursing Home in Sutton, south London, and the provider Mr Coopen. [Read more about the story here.](#)
- Under proposals announced this month, all GP practices rated 'Inadequate' by CQC inspectors will be placed in special measures and offered support to help them improve. [Find out about the special measures here.](#)

Things that we like this month



Top Books of 2015

To find out about all the best books to read in 2015...

[..Click here!](#)



The most anticipated movie ever?

Sorry, the trailer had to be included this month!

Whether you have read the book or not, everyone is talking [about 50 Shades of Grey the Movie!](#)



Crafty Trends

[Click here](#) to check out the top DIY craft trends of 2015

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