



**East of England Stem Cell Network (EESCN)  
Question Time Special**

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	<p>The ESRC Social Science Stem Cell Initiative (SCI) was set up in the autumn of 2005 with the broad aim of supporting a range of activities during a three-year period, to the value of £1.7 million, to build research capacity and raise awareness within the UK social science community, in regard to the emerging field of Stem Cell science.</p>
	<p>The mission of the BBSRC is to promote and support, by any means, high-quality basic, strategic and applied research and related postgraduate training relating to the understanding and exploitation of biological systems.</p>
	<p>The East of England Development Agency (EEDA) is the driving force behind sustainable economic growth and regeneration in the East of England. EEDA's task is to improve the region's economic performance and ensure the East of England remains one of the UK's top performing regions.</p>
	<p>ERBI is an industry-led, membership-based company that supports biotech and medical technology companies in the East of England.</p>

Cambridge, and the region known as the East of England, is a leading international centre of excellence in the field of stem cells and regenerative medicine.

The East of England Stem Cell Network (EESCN) was established in 2004 with the objective of ensuring that the East of England prospers in terms of both economic output and patient benefit from stem cell biology and regenerative medicine. We achieve this by organising a wide range of activities and events that bring together academics, businesses, clinicians, policy makers, patients and members of the public located in the East of England and around the world. Membership of EESCN is free of charge and open to anyone with an interest in stem cells and regenerative medicine.

The aims of the Network are as follows:

- To act as the primary source of information and a single point of contact for anyone with an interest in knowing about stem cell activity in the East of England
- To facilitate collaboration between all those with an interest in stem cell research in the East of England and beyond. This includes scientific and medical researchers, clinicians, funders, biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, ethicists, lawyers, venture capitalists, regulatory bodies, policy makers, industry groups and other relevant networks.
- To address the social, regulatory and legal implications of stem cell technology and provide relevant perspectives for those undertaking research in this field
- To work with other partner organisations to promote the importance and need for stem cell research, both within the East of England and at a national and international level
- To develop and contribute to an environment that encourages stem cell research and new investment in the East of England

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