

# Let's talk stem cells

Stem cell research is often in the news and can be found in the Scottish curriculum from CfE level 4 up to CfE Higher for both Biology and Human Biology. SSERC is providing resources to support learning and teaching about this exciting, developing area of science.

As part of our suite of Let's Talk activities we have been updating our resource on Stem Cells. *Let's Talk Stem Cells* is an activity that provides teachers with a resource which supports (i) an understanding of stem cells,



Examples of Stem Cell Reports.

(ii) how they can be used therapeutically, and (iii) a discussion activity which raises some of the issues relating to stem cells. The original research and development for this resource was funded through the Wellcome Trust's 'Engaging Science Scheme'.

The resource is available on the SSERC website at <http://www.sserc.org.uk/index.php/let-s-talk-2/1337-let-s-talk-stem-cells>.

The resource consists of help cards, background information, a pupil sheet, a stem cell story and a suite of stem cell reports which give up-to-date news on some of the latest stem cell innovations. These stem cell reports will be updated on a regular basis. An associated Teacher's Guide gives suggestions about how one might use the activity as well as detailing the areas of the curriculum which are supported.