

Remit and membership of the NCRI Consumer Forum



Purpose

To create a professional, focussed and committed constituency of consumer research partners for NCRI who can help NCRI achieve its aims.

Specifically:

1. To provide a collaborative approach to providing effective consumer involvement across NCRI activities
2. To provide methods of evaluation of consumer impact in NCRI
3. To support and develop consumers for their roles within NCRI activities
4. To facilitate a more proactive role for consumers within their NCRI activities
5. To provide a pool of well trained consumers to have input into NCRI and Partner research activities, committees and groups, as equal and valued partners
6. To provide individuals to lead on specific consumer led projects
7. To provide a pool of consumers who will act as ambassadors for NCRI activities
8. To provide a forum for consumers and their representatives working in cancer research beyond NCRI to develop and maintain mutually beneficial links with NCRI's consumers and consumer involvement
9. To encourage more people to become involved in cancer research

Membership

Core membership of the new Forum will be initially restricted to consumers actively involved in NCRI groups, with additional membership at the discretion of the NCRI. Core membership will be co-terminus with tenure on the NCRI groups. Individuals who have previously been a member of an NCRI group and who have actively been involved in CLG activities and regularly attended their meetings may be invited to become an affiliate member of the Consumer Forum.

Members are recruited for a clear purpose and their skills will be continuously developed to enable them to make a positive impact, which is sought equally by themselves and the NCRI and which is assessed regularly.

Current members of NCRI groups may be considered for affiliate membership on completion of their term of office, dependent on their level of activity both on their NCRI committee and in the Consumer Forum.

Affiliate members will be reviewed after two years and where affiliation continues to provide mutual benefit, they will be invited to affiliate for a further two years.

Reporting lines

The Consumer Forum will report to the Head of Clinical Research Groups via the Chair of the Consumer Forum Steering Group (who is also the Chair of the Forum).

Travel and other costs

Travel and subsistence costs are available for core members to attend the Consumer Forum meetings and their attendance is expected as part of their NCRI roles. No expenses are available for affiliate members to attend Consumer Forum meetings, but as members, they are encouraged to attend. Honoraria are not available for any members attending Consumer Forum meetings.

Meetings

It is anticipated that the Consumer Forum will meet two or three times a year, including one meeting at the NCRI Conference.