

Could you help to design & deliver cancer research in the UK?

Do you have a **strong interest** in cancer research? Do you want to **help improve** patient outcomes and experiences?

If you have recently experienced cancer as a patient or carer and want to help shape the development of research trials for cancer patients, then we'd like to hear from you. The National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) partnership was established in 2001 to drive collaboration between organisations that fund cancer research, and we remain dedicated to our purpose which is to improve health and quality of life by accelerating progress in cancer-related research, through collaboration. Consumer involvement is one of four key enablers for achieving NCRI's strategic goals, and adds value to the work of the NCRI partnership. Please use the following link to visit our website: <http://www.ncri.org.uk/> and the following to download a copy of our 2017-2022 Strategy: <http://www.ncri.org.uk/about-us/our-strategy/>

NCRI is currently seeking consumer members to represent the patient community on the following NCRI Groups:



Childrens Cancer & Leukaemia Clinical Studies Group



Sarcoma Clinical Studies Group



Gynaecological Cancer Executive Group



Upper Gastrointestinal Cancer* Executive Group

*Gastro-Intestinal cancers, including Oesophagogastric, Pancreatic, Hepatobiliary and Neuroendocrine

Clinical Studies Groups (CSGs)

CSGs have a remit to develop portfolios of clinical trials and high-quality studies for specific cancer types or treatment approaches. This includes considering new research questions, developing proposals for trials, securing funding and overseeing the portfolio of existing studies. The groups are multi-disciplinary, with surgery, medical oncology, clinical oncology, radiology, pathology, epidemiology, statistics and other professions involved in clinical trials. Each CSG also has two consumer members to assist the group in understanding the perspectives of patients, carers and the public that are relevant to the work of the group. Each CSG meets at least twice per year. Each CSG is also associated with a number of more specialised Subgroups, which you may choose to get involved with based on your interests and experiences. i.e. the Prostate CSG has a 'Localised Disease Subgroup' and an 'Advanced Disease Subgroup' For more information regarding CSGs and their Subgroups please visit: <http://csg.ncri.org.uk/about-the-csgs/clinical-studies-groups/>

Applicants should have:

- Experience of cancer services as a patient or carer, which are relevant to the role
- Knowledge and understanding of the consumer perspective, as well as the ability to represent consumer perspectives beyond their own personal experience
- Willingness and ability to familiarise with relevant research and medical language
- An ability to work effectively and constructively as part of a team within a mixed group of consumers and professionals
- Excellent communication skills with an ability to listen to others
- Time to participate fully in all CSG activities

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Executive Groups

To trial new ways of working, a new CSG structure is being piloted for the Upper Gastro-Intestinal and Gynaecological Cancer Clinical Studies Groups (CSGs) only. The current structure of the CSGs consists of the 'main CSG', and its associated Subgroups. In contrast, the new structure will involve a smaller Executive Group, and its associated *Workstreams*.

At present, consumer members of the CSGs and their associated Subgroups ensure that the group understands the perspective of patients, carers and others affected by cancer, to ensure that their work remains patient-centric. This includes contributing to the development and design of new research proposals for example. Under the new structure, although the remit of the Groups will remain the same, the role of the Consumer on the Executive Group versus the Workstream will differ markedly. Whereas the role of the consumer on the workstream is similar to that of the consumer on the CSG and its associated Subgroups; the role of the consumer on the Executive Group will provide strategic oversight of consumer involvement throughout the Workstreams, whilst ensuring that the strategy remains patient-centric. This will involve liaising with consumers on the Workstreams to ensure that the strategic aims are filtering down to the Workstream level, and that they are working towards achieving them.

Applicants should have:

In addition to those outlined for the CSGs:

- Previous experience of actively participating in professional committees
- Ability to take action and implement decisions
- Ability to provide strategic oversight
- Excellent communication skills with an ability to listen to others and constructively express one's own view from a consumer perspective
- Knowledge and understanding of issues important to cancer research, and wider patient networks and groups, as well as the willingness and ability keep up to date with such issues

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Please note that we offer training, support and a scientific mentor to *all* consumer members on *all* NCRI Groups.

Please note that this role requires a degree of objectivity and therefore is unlikely to suit those who have experienced a loss within the last 12 months.

NCRI Consumer Forum

As well as participating in all aspects of the CSGs activities, all consumers become members of the NCRI Consumer Forum; our wider community of patients and carers who are actively involved in cancer research. The NCRI Consumer Forum meets on average twice per year.

We are committed to increasing the diversity of our consumer representation and applications are encouraged from individuals based throughout the UK, from all ethnic groups, all age groups, and from people with experience of all kinds of cancer. At present, the NCRI reimburse travel expenses to attend CSG meetings, and there is also an honorarium for attendance. Further details about consumer activity and payments are provided upon recruitment to the role.

Important dates:

Successful applicants will be invited to **interview** at The Angel Building (London) during February 2019 – dates TBC.

If recruited, new consumers will be *expected* to attend the **NCRI Consumer Forum meeting** in London on Monday 25th March 2019.

Contact information:

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Liane Hazell (NCRI Research Involvement Officer) at consumers@ncri.org.uk or tel. 0203 469 6121.

Please apply using the following link:

<http://www.ncri.org.uk/consumers/membership-application/>

****The deadline for all applications is midday on Monday 21st January 2019****