

Bowel Cancer Screening Programme Research Committee

Role Profile for Consumer Member

Role:	Consumer Member of the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme Research Committee
Duration:	The term of office is three years in the first instance
Working Relationships:	Other members of the NBCSP Research Committee, the Committee Administrator and NCRI CSG Secretariat
Expenses:	Travel expenses and other appropriate out of pocket expenses are reimbursed. Members may claim an attendance fee for agreed meetings and training events in line with the consumer reimbursement policy

Role description

Consumer members are required to contribute to the activities of the Research Committee by:

- Regularly attending and taking part in Committee meetings. The Committee meets face to face twice per year (usually in London) and by teleconference twice per year
- Assisting the Committee in understanding the perspectives of patients, carers and the public that are relevant to the work of the Committee
- Preparing for Committee meetings by reading meeting papers and raising any issues for clarification with the Committee Administrator or Scientific Mentor, during or before the meeting as appropriate
- Working with a Scientific Mentor, identified by the Committee Chair, to build up an active contribution to the Committee's meetings
- Respecting confidentiality and to declare any conflicts of interest if they arise
- Identifying training needs with the Committee Administrator and joining in suitable training opportunities
- Taking an active role in the regular review of their role on the Committee as well as contributing to any broader evaluations of the Committee themselves

Role requirements

Consumer members are required to have:

- Current or recent participation in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Programmes and Colonoscopy as a result of that participation
 - Willingness to familiarise themselves with relevant research and medical language
 - Knowledge and understanding of the consumer perspective, with an ability to raise a broader range of consumer perspectives beyond their own personal experience
 - An understanding of the importance of and need for cancer clinical research
 - Good communication skills with an ability to listen to others and express own view from a consumer perspective
 - An ability to work effectively as part of a team within a mixed group of professionals
- It is also desirable for consumer members to have:
- An interest in developing knowledge and understanding of the issues important to both cancer and wider consumer networks and groups
 - An interest in keeping up to date with current cancer research issues

Confidentiality

All activities of the Research Committee are confidential. However, there may be occasions on which members are specifically asked to share information or seek the opinions and views of others.

Further Information

If you would like any more information **before** making an application please contact Gillian Liddington on 020 3469 8533 email: gillian.liddington@cancer.org.uk