

ROLE PROFILE

Role Title: Chief Clinician	Grade: N/A
Reports to: Chief Executive Officer	Notice Period: 6 months
Direct Reports: N/A	
Directorate and team: N/A	
Location: London	Date: Jan 2026
<p>Summary of the Role's Main Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide leadership for the clinical and translational research activities and ambitions of Cancer Research UK (CRUK) • Be a key member of the Scientific Executive Board (SEB), and attend the Trustee Research Committee and the Executive Strategy Group (ESG) where appropriate • Recommend to the CEO issues related to clinical and clinical translational research for discussion at Executive Board (EB) that are significant to CRUK and attend Executive Board for key discussions involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scientific, research, clinical matters and relevant policy issues • When called upon, to be a member of relevant decision-making committees such as those relating to Grand Challenges, Clinical Research Committee, and other major strategic initiatives • To represent CRUK on external committees relevant to the clinical research needs of CRUK • To be a key external interface for CRUK on clinical and translational research matters • To act as spokesperson to the media for CRUK on relevant clinical research and policy matters • To advise and support CRUKs' clinical research policy priorities and interventions 	

Key Responsibilities:

1. Delivering Objectives/Strategy

- Work with the Executive Director of Research & Innovation to determine the direction of clinical and translational research activities within Cancer Research UK, ensuring that the research remains world-class and pioneering. This will include:
 - New areas for consideration
 - Areas that should be expanded or reduced
 - Areas for partnership with other organizations (e.g. for large-scale projects)
- Lead CRUK's clinical training strategy at all levels eg. advise on clinical academic training and provide mentorship for CRUK clinical trainees
- Represent CRUK on relevant national and international committees and advisory panels.
- Guide strategic direction for relevant clinical oncology and public health policy
- Assist the charity in its mission to develop an active research culture at the heart of every major cancer clinical network in the UK, through CRUK cancer research centres and other activities

- Provide a lead contribution to the development and ongoing refinement of research strategy for CRUK and ensure its implementation
- Drive the necessary changes that will ensure that the clinical and translational research portfolio of CRUK is focused on priorities that will best achieve CRUK's mission
- Represent Cancer Research UK or work with representatives appointed by the Chief Clinician on relevant external Boards and committees (e.g. NIHR, NCRI, NICE R&D Panel, etc)
- Represent CRUK or work with representatives appointed by the Chief Clinician in discussions with appropriate local, national and international committees and bodies. In particular, this will include the Royal Colleges, AMS, etc.
- Assist CRUK, its institutes and its centres in recruiting world-class researchers and other talent from overseas or from industry
- Provide other advice as appropriate to the Executive members of CRUK

2. Executive role

- Attend meetings of the SEB and Research Committee, and where relevant other executive committees, representing the clinical and translational research activities of the organisation and to keep Trustees informed of progress
- Work with other clinical researchers leading CRUK activity, eg chair of the Clinical Research Committee and clinical network chairs to support a coordinated approach to CRUK clinical research initiatives, priorities and influencing
- Values and Leadership Behaviours: As a strategic leader, lead by example by actively demonstrating and promoting both our leadership behaviours and our values in all that you do

3. People Management

- Provide a conduit to the clinical and translational research community in order to effectively shape strategy, build new ideas and make relevant interventions to improve impact.

4. External

- Ensure that the clinical and translational research work and activities of CRUK are appropriately visible at national and international level and connected with global cancer research activities (eg AACR)
- Be a national voice and leader for cancer research
- Represent the work of Cancer Research UK to the media and at fundraising events and communicate about clinical matters with patients and the public
- Liaise with universities, government and other institutes and funders to develop appropriate partnerships in line with the agreed strategy

Role Commitment and Duration

- It is expected that this appointment would be for a period of 5 years in the first instance, with annual review periods.

The person will be expected to commit around one day per week on average to carry out the responsibilities of this role

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