

Role profile

Review Panel Member (Commercial Data Partnerships, Cancer Research Horizons)



Type of opportunity

Review panel



Time commitment

Ad-hoc data access applications (up to 2 hours each), annual meetings (2-3 hours)



Payment and expenses

In line with Cancer Research UK's involvement payment policy

Summary of the opportunity

Cancer Research UK (CRUK) is committed to putting people affected by cancer at the heart of our work. We want to hear from people with experience of cancer to make sure that their needs and opinions are at the center of our work and activities.

In 2023, we established the Commercial Data Partnerships PPIE panel to help us achieve two key aims of our [Research Data Strategy](#). The first of these is to earn and maintain public trust, confidence and support in how patient data is used in cancer research, The other aim is to help ensure that researchers across all sectors, including commercial organisations, are able to use data to create benefits for patients and the public.

This review panel works with Cancer Research Horizons (CRH), the part of Cancer Research UK that focuses on creating more value out of the research we fund, which allows us to invest more in cancer research and speed up benefits for patients. Cancer Research Horizons' work in data is underpinned by their [Commercial Data Partnerships Guiding Principles](#) which cover areas like transparency, accountability and data security. Part of putting these principles into practice includes making sure that people affected by cancer are meaningfully involved in decisions around commercial organisations accessing patient data in 'Commercial Data Partnerships'.

We're looking for up to 4 people to join the existing panel and bring new perspectives to our approach on how commercial organisations can access patient data from research studies funded by Cancer Research UK.

As part of the panel, you'll share your thoughts and ideas, and work together to:

- Review and discuss data access applications from commercial organisations to ensure that Cancer Research UK-funded research data is being used in a way that can result in patient and public benefit
- Participate in ad hoc consultations to inform our approach across a variety of projects relating to the responsible use of patient data
- Shape and improve our patient and public involvement process for commercial data partnerships, whether that be updating documents or redesigning processes, to help make sure it is as meaningful and relevant as possible

By joining this panel you will learn about our work around commercial data partnerships and how data generated from Cancer Research UK studies can provide additional value to the research community as well as patients and the public. Crucially, you will make a difference in helping ensure that patient data is used responsibly, for societal benefit, and that patients and the public can trust our approach to working with commercial organisations.

This role is part of the Cancer Research UK Cancer Data Patient & Public Community, which consists of people across the UK who are helping Cancer Research UK to deliver its Research Data Strategy.

In this role, you'll need to...

- Attend 1-2 training workshop(s) to learn about commercial access to data including why and how companies use health and research data and Cancer Research Horizons' approach to commercial data partnerships
- Read applications from companies who wish to access data from Cancer Research UK studies and provide feedback from your perspective as a person affected by cancer
- Attend virtual annual review meetings on Microsoft Teams once a year (2-3 hours) to reflect on learnings and potential updates to Cancer Research Horizons' approach to commercial data sharing
- Prepare for meetings by reading the information we share and respond to our emails so we can continue to work closely with you between meetings

We're looking for people who...

- Are comfortable sharing their opinion, and can give constructive/respectful feedback, both verbal and written
- Have an interest in how patient data is used for research
- Have a basic understanding of research and an interest in developing their knowledge in this area

- Can listen to other people and make space for everyone to express themselves
- Have good communication skills and can work as part of a group
- Are committed to improving diversity and inclusion in our work
- Have access to a computer/tablet and internet connection, can attend virtual meetings and can prepare for meetings
- Are comfortable using applications like email, Microsoft Teams, Microsoft Word, and online software

You do not need to have:

- Any knowledge of Cancer Research Horizons or the work we do
- An understanding of data or our research data strategy
- Experience of working within commercial organisations

In this role, we promise to support you by...

- Welcoming you into our Cancer Data Patient & Public Community, giving you access to training, support, networking opportunities and other opportunities to get involved
- Giving you a key contact who will answer any questions you have about your role and who will support you for the duration of your work
- Sending you information about Cancer Research Horizons, the work you'll do as part of the group, and organising training sessions to help you feel prepared for your role
- Giving you enough time to review applications (one week), as well as the flexibility to opt-in or out of particular applications or meetings depending on how much time you are able to commit
- Creating a safe and open environment for feedback, so that you can share your views about how the panel is working and suggest improvements

Additional Information

Length of role: Up to 2 years (with option to apply for renewal)

Confidentiality: Some of the information that Cancer Research UK or Cancer Research Horizons shares with you may be confidential or commercially sensitive. This is because we may wish to discuss how and who we may want to work with to achieve the aims of our Research Data Strategy. Therefore:

- You will be expected to sign a confidentiality agreement.
- You will treat the information you receive from Cancer Research UK or Cancer Research Horizons as confidential and will not share it with any other individual

or organisation.

Payment: In line with Cancer Research UK's involvement payment policy.

Travel expenses: You will not be asked to travel for this role as it is home-based so travel expenses will not be offered.

Equal Opportunities and diversity: At Cancer Research UK, we're committed to creating an inclusive space to involve all people affected by cancer, irrespective of their race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender, age, religion or belief. We actively encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and cultures and believe that a range of views and insight will help us represent all people affected by cancer.

How to join the project group?

To apply, please submit an application form at the following: [Commercial Data Partnerships PPIE Panel – Fill in form](#) by 11:59pm on Thursday 28 May.

If we receive enough responses for this opportunity, we reserve the right to stop recruitment early.

If you have any questions about the role, please email Laura Huynh, Business Development Manager (Cancer Research Horizons) at laura.huynh@cancer.org.uk.