

Lived experience representative for the Scientific Advisory Group

We would like to appoint up to 2 people to sit on Breast Cancer Now's Scientific Advisory Group for the Campaign to provide a lived experience perspective.

Background information

Breast Cancer Now's 2025-2030 strategy has committed the charity to double its expenditure on research during that 5-year period. Within that overall ambition, there will be a particular focus on the challenge of breast cancer dormancy and late recurrence. To help achieve this, we are launching a fundraising campaign with the aim of raising £50 million over 5 years, which will be in addition to the current projected fundraised income.

To guide us, we are establishing 2 groups, which will work closely together, and with the staff and trustees of Breast Cancer Now:

- A Campaign Board
- A Scientific Advisory Group

The Campaign Board will shape, guide and drive the success of the Campaign. Working in partnership with Breast Cancer Now's senior leadership team, the board of trustees, and the fundraising team, members will champion the Campaign, use their networks to engage prospective individuals, trusts and corporate donors to inspire support to achieve the ambitious fundraising target.

The Scientific Advisory Group will support the Campaign Board by advising on the most appropriate way to deliver research with the greatest impact on the challenge of breast cancer dormancy and late recurrence.

The Chair of the Scientific Advisory Group is Professor Adrian Lee.

We are looking for up to 2 people to share their experience of breast cancer to contribute to the Scientific Advisory Group as a lived experience representative. Meetings will be held virtually and are likely to be 3-4 times per year.

Role description

Your skills and attributes

We are looking for a person who has:

- Experience of breast cancer (either personally or through the experience of a loved one)
- A keen interest in breast cancer research
- The ability to think objectively and represent the needs of breast cancer patients
- The confidence to voice opinions clearly and constructively to enhance the quality of group discussions
- Strong written and communication skills
- The ability to listen, understand and respect different opinions
- The ability to maintain confidentiality, when required

You do not need to have:

- A scientific or research background

Your role

You will be required to:

- Attend 3-4 virtual meetings per year
- Prepare for meetings by reading papers (approximately 3-4 hours per meeting)
- Provide comments by e-mail and telephone as required
- Provide the perspective of someone affected by breast cancer where appropriate in discussions, and more broadly providing patient perspectives
- Contribute thoughtfully and constructively in group discussions
- Agree to abide by Breast Cancer Now's confidentiality, non-disclosure and conflict of interest agreements

Length of membership: The selected individual will be asked to sit on Scientific Advisory Group for up to 3 years from appointment. There may be an opportunity to extend depending on the scope of Scientific Advisory Group after the initial 3 years.

Expenses: Breast Cancer Now will reimburse reasonable and agreed expenses for travel, subsistence and overnight accommodation, in agreement with Breast Cancer Now's reimbursement policies. Breast Cancer Now can assist members in booking travel and accommodation if necessary. Lived experience representatives are entitled to claim £30 for activity between 1-2 hours, £50 for activity between 3-4 hours and £100 for a full day, including online meetings.

N.B. lived experience representatives as individuals are responsible for their own tax affairs and ensuring that they are paying the appropriate level of tax.

Equal Opportunities: We are committed to equal opportunities and embracing diversity and wish to meet the aims and commitments set out in our Equal Opportunities and Diversity Policy and Procedures. This includes not discriminating under the Equality Act 2010. This role requires you to work with and represent the views of a diverse group of people.

Conflicts of interest: Conflicts of interest will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and managed by Breast Cancer Now.

Breast Cancer Now will support you by...

- Arranging an induction session to provide you with additional information on Breast Cancer Now, the Scientific Advisory Group and the role
- Providing you with a key contact who will be available to answer any questions you may have

- Providing paperwork and relevant materials in advance of Scientific Advisory Group meetings
- Providing you with the opportunity to give feedback on your role

Application process:

If you are interested in sharing your experience of breast cancer and contributing to the Science Strategy Committee, please complete the accompanying Expression of Interest Form and return by **25 November 2025** to Eleanor at **eleanor.garrattsmith@breastcancer.org**. We will contact you by early December with the shortlisting outcome.