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WELCOME TO BREAST CANCER NOW'S HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE 2026.

It's an honour to host so many of the UK's key healthcare workers. All of you are making a truly life-changing difference for people affected by breast cancer in your roles. And today, we want to give something back. Because we know the pressures you're facing in the healthcare sector, and we've heard your calls for support.

Today's programme offers an opportunity to meet your peers, learn about exciting clinical developments and share best practices across teams. And it's a chance to step back and reflect with colleagues on how we can achieve our shared vision. That by 2050, everyone with breast cancer will live and live well.

This is an exciting time for us as an organisation. With a new strategy and a new look, we're ready to go further and faster than ever before for people affected by breast cancer. But we can't do it on our own.

We need bold ideas to help improve patient experience across the UK. We need better ways to reach diverse communities and level the playing field in care. And we need insights from the people on the frontline to know what's working and where change is needed. In short, we need you.

We hope you have a great day.



Claire Rowney,
Chief Executive, Breast Cancer Now

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Sally Kum,
Associate Director of Nursing, Health
Information and HCP Engagement

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It's an honour to have so many members of our healthcare professionals' hub under one roof today. And we're proud to boast such a diverse network of inspiring people from across the UK working in breast cancer care.

While we may work in different roles, we're united by a shared vision. That by 2050, everyone with breast cancer will live and live well. But with service pressures mounting and limited resources, we understand how difficult it can be to deliver the best in treatment and care.

We've heard your calls for change. We know you want more opportunities to network and join the dots in breast care. So we've carefully curated today's programme around your needs. It will give you the chance to step back, meet colleagues and get inspired to improve patient experience. And it's also a chance to celebrate the amazing work you're doing already.

Throughout the day, you'll learn about the latest clinical updates in radiotherapy and immunotherapy. We'll hear from a wide range of experts on topics like access to care and navigating difficult conversations with patients. And you'll have a chance to brainstorm with peers during our afternoon breakout sessions, themed around innovation, inspiration and inclusivity.

We hope you'll come away with new ideas, resources and connections to help in your clinical practice.

AGENDA

The breakout rooms will be held from 1.30 to 2.25pm and repeated between 2.35pm to 3.30pm.

You'll have chosen your breakout rooms before the conference. If you can't remember which ones you chose, you can ask at the Breast Cancer Now stand or cloakroom. If you haven't chosen a breakout room, you can go to any of the sessions as long as there's space. If they're already full, you might be asked to go to a different session.

TIME	AGENDA	SPEAKER(S)	LOCATION
8.45-9.30	Registration, breakfast and exhibition viewing		Main Foyer, Mezzanine and meeting rooms
9.00-9.30	The road ahead: Discussing the risks of breast cancer recurrence <i>This is a promotional symposium sponsored and organised by Novartis, intended for UK HCPs only</i>	Rachel Clifton , Macmillan Breast Oncology Nurse Specialist, Ipswich Hospital Dr. Vipin Kuriakose , Consultant Clinical Oncologist, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	The Studio
9.30-9.40	Welcome	Helen Dickens , Chief Support Officer, Breast Cancer Now	The Studio
9.40-10.05	Clinical update in radiotherapy	Jo McNamara , Therapeutic Radiographer and co-host of the podcast Rad Chat Naman Julka-Anderson , Therapeutic Radiographer and co-host of the podcast Rad Chat	The Studio
10.05 - 10.30	Clinical update in immunotherapy	Professor Anna Olsson-Brown , Professor of Cancer Clinical Trials and Consultant Medical Oncologist, University College Cork and University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust	The Studio
10.30 - 11.00	Morning break and exhibition viewing		Mezzanine and meeting rooms

TIME	AGENDA	SPEAKER(S)	LOCATION
11.00 - 11.45	Physical activity and lifestyle	Blossom Lake , Breast Surgical Specialist, The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust Rachel White , Registered Dietician, Rachel White Nutrition Kat Tunnicliffe , Clinical Specialist Oncology and Musculoskeletal Physiotherapist, Perci Health	The Studio
11.45 - 12.30	Access to care: panel session	Tracey Irvine , Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon and Breast Surgery Lead, Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) Nicola Stubbs , Senior Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist, The Nightingale Centre, Manchester Foundation Trust	The Studio
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch, networking and exhibition viewing		Mezzanine and meeting rooms
13.30 - 14.30	Innovate: Collaboration between NHS and external organisations	Michaela Rossman , Senior Manager, Personalised Referral Route, Breast Cancer Now Maxine McCoy , Associate Director of Services, Breast Cancer Now Oa Hackett , Founder, Little Lifts	LOB rooms
	Include: Reaching diverse communities	Dr Judith Offman , Senior Lecturer for cancer prevention and early detection, Queen Mary University of London	LOB rooms

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13.30 – 14.25	Include: Reaching diverse communities	Sarah Adomah, Lead Breast Clinical Nurse Specialist, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust Dr Emily Lunn, Post Doctoral Researcher, Universities of York and Sheffield	LOB rooms
	Impact: Managing the effects of treatment and diagnosis	Professor Susanne Cruickshank, Strategic Lead for applied health research, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust Dr Charlotte Gooding, Menopause Specialist and MP, Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Menopause Care Ltd	LOB rooms
	Inspire: Navigating difficult conversations with patients	Olivia Corrie, CEO and founder, FrontLine Communication	LOB rooms
Small break between sessions			
14.35 – 15.30	Sessions will be run twice. Speakers will remain the same for both sessions		
15.30 – 15.45	Afternoon break and exhibition viewing		Mezzanine and meeting rooms
15.45 – 16.20	Fireside chat with Laura Price	Laura Price, Writer and Podcaster Helen Dickens, Chief Support Officer, Breast Cancer Now	The Studio
16.20 – 16.30	Close	Helen Dickens, Chief Support Officer, Breast Cancer Now	The Studio

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OUR SPEAKERS

HELEN DICKENS

Helen oversees Breast Cancer Now's work to ensure everyone affected by breast cancer receives the best possible support and care. She is responsible for their support and information services, healthcare professional and nursing teams, and policy, evidence and influencing. She's worked for most of her career in health charities, and she's passionate about finding ways to connect people to provide support, improve care and campaign for change. She's led campaigning and public awareness projects at Alzheimer's Society, and at Diabetes UK she delivered programmes and activities that helped establish new national services for people with Type 2 diabetes, and policy and campaigning work to drive better care. Prior to joining Breast Cancer Now in June 2025, she led the delivery of charitable activities at Target Ovarian Cancer – first as Director of Programmes and then as Deputy Chief Executive – providing support to women and families affected by ovarian cancer, influencing policy change and managing research grants looking at new and better treatments.

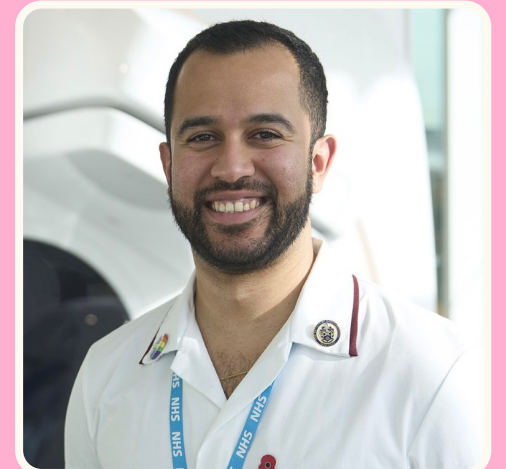


NAMAN JULKA-ANDERSON

Specialist Radiographer, Clinical Advisor and Rad Chat co-founder, Mid and South Essex NHSFT, Macmillan and Rad Chat

Naman qualified as a therapeutic radiographer in 2017 and now working towards consultant level practice setting up a new head and neck late effects service at Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust. He is also an allied health professional clinical advisor for Macmillan Cancer Support Charity and co-founded the international and multi-award-winning podcast education a social media platform, Rad Chat.

In 2024 he was the first therapeutic radiographer in history to win the CAHPO leadership for EDI and overall AHP of the year, along with the joint first therapeutic radiographer in history to win the CAHPO gold award for the excellence.



JO MCNAMARA

Therapeutic Radiographer/Senior Lecturer/Podcast host, Rad Chat

Jo McNamara is a therapeutic radiographer with over 20 years of experience. Jo works at Sheffield Hallam University as a senior lecturer, teaching radiotherapy and oncology.

She is the Radiotherapy Chair of the UK Acute Oncology Society, ESTRO RTT Committee member, Co-Chair of the Outreach and Promotion Special Interest Group at the Society of Radiographers, Co-Chair of the pre-registration ACCEND group, a Personalised Care Institute Ambassador and a Radiotherapy UK Ambassador.

Jo McNamara is maybe most renowned for co-hosting the multi-award-winning podcast Rad Chat (@Rad__Chat), which harnesses her passion for using voices to educate and improve cancer care globally.



PROFESSOR ANNA OLSSON-BROWN

Professor of cancer clinical trials and consultant medical oncologist, University College Cork and University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust

Anna Olsson-Brown is a professor of clinical cancer trials and a consultant in medical oncology. She specialises in the systemic treatment of skin cancers; immunotherapeutic toxicities, early phase/translational clinical trials and NSS/CUP/acute oncology. She is an academic consultant at UCC/CUH, an honorary academic in Liverpool and an oncotoxicity consultant at University Hospitals Sussex. She is the current Chair of the Association of Cancer Physicians/ UK Society of Medical Oncology (ACP/UKSMO). She is a founding member and current CEO of the National Immunotherapy Clinical Network (IOCN). She is also the Toxicity Workstream Co-lead within the UK Acute Oncology Society and a trustee and board member of UKASCC.



MRS BLOSSOM LAKE

Breast Surgical Specialist, Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust

Blossom Lake has been a breast surgeon for 14 years working at Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust and a previous NHS Research Scholar. She is an Honorary Clinical Research Fellow at University of Birmingham and Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at University of Keele. Her passion is improving patient outcomes and understanding their needs to optimise their care and experiences during challenging times. Blossom has established a unique forum, "Seldom Heard Voices", with community leaders to understand the perspectives and experiences of minority ethnic groups.

She actively promotes breast cancer awareness in the community and leads novel research driven by questions from underrepresented groups. She is recognised for her work using Magseed for localizing impalpable breast cancer which has shown high patient satisfaction and lower re-excision rates, as an invited international speaker and cited by NICE.

Her priority research field is lifestyle behaviour support change in breast cancer treatment and has just completed an RFPB study aimed at how to integrate health behaviour changes in breast cancer treatment to improve recurrence rates, quality of life, and overall well-being. She has published and presented internationally on lifestyle, obesity and breast cancer.



RACHEL WHITE

Registered Dietician, Rachel White Nutrition

Rachel is a registered clinical and sports dietitian. She has worked extensively in the NHS as a specialist oncology dietitian as well as with private clients. She supports patients throughout their cancer journey from diagnosis to living with and beyond cancer. Alongside this she runs her own business, Rachel White Nutrition, providing specialist support to athletes to optimise their sporting performance through nutrition.



KAT TUNNICLIFFE

Clinical Specialist oncology and musculoskeletal physiotherapist and Head of Clinician Engagement, Perci Health

A specialist oncology physiotherapist with over 20 years' experience Kat is passionate about supporting people with cancer to live well from diagnosis throughout and beyond treatment.

Kat champions the professional community of the UK's largest virtual cancer clinic at Perci Health supporting the delivery of safe, effective and whole-human cancer care.

Her post graduate MSc-level studies include breast cancer, prehabilitation and extended scope management of the shoulder.

She is well established within advanced practitioner and therapists in oncology networks and is a patient and clinician educator through Breast Cancer Now, Future Dreams, and as part of the Rad Chat Clinical Advisory Board.



MISS TRACEY IRVINE

Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon, GIRFT breast surgery lead, Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT)

Tracey has been a Consultant Oncoplastic Surgeon in Guildford since 2009. She has a special interest in oncoplastic breast conservation, neoadjuvant chemotherapy and management of the axilla and runs the Guildford gene carrier clinic for patients in the KSS region. In 2015 she was awarded the Murray Brennan Scholarship by the American College of Surgeons and spent two months in the major cancer centres in the US. She is the Clinical Lead for the Breast Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT) programme. In 2022 she was appointed National Clinical Lead for Breast Cancer by NHSE.



NICOLA STUBBS

Senior Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist, The Nightingale Centre, Manchester Foundation Trust

Since qualifying in 1996 with both a High Diploma in Adult nursing and a BSc (Hons) degree in nursing, Nicola has worked in women's health. Her passion began in gynaecology both general and oncology then progressed to breast cancer. She then completed the A11 in breast care nursing and ENB237 in oncology nursing.

Nicola's first breast nurse specialist role was in North London aged 27, where she gained 12 months experience prior to moving back to Manchester. She's been at the Nightingale unit now for over 20 years and has led some major projects and implemented changes to nursing and patient care. Her biggest achievement was the implementation of patient self-management follow up within the unit and she still leads in its success. Likewise, the implementation of the Nurse-lead endocrine clinic to assess patients menopausal status post breast cancer treatment, her protocols are now used nationally. Nicola has presented locally and Nationally on both subjects. Likewise, was awarded a Macmillan award in recognition.

She's currently part of a very exciting project, a virtual menopausal symptom clinic for ladies struggling with side effects on their endocrine treatment. She's passionate about the patients experience within their breast cancer pathway and beyond. Nicola feels like life after breast cancer needs to be lived and we can make a difference.



MICHAELA ROSSMAN

Senior Manager in personalised referrals, Breast Cancer Now

Michaela is a social worker and studied social development before working in health inequalities, international development and the cancer sector for the last 15 years.

She joined Breast Cancer Now in January 2023 and is the senior manager in personalised referrals. She oversees Here for You, our healthcare professional referral pathway. Our aim is to support people diagnosed with primary and metastatic breast cancer. We work with NHS Trusts to enable their patients to access our support services and we do this by providing personalised conversations on the phone.



OA HACKETT

CEO and Founder, Little Lifts

Oa founded Little Lifts after her experience of breast cancer and treatment in 2024, aged 28. What began around Oa's kitchen table is now a small charity on a mission to offer free, carefully curated Little Lifts gift boxes to anyone living in the UK undergoing surgery, chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatment for primary or secondary breast cancer. To date, the charity has distributed over 42,000 Little Lifts Boxes through 10 NHS Hospital partnerships in the East of England and, nationally, via The Little Kindness Fund, with 59% of NHS medical professionals referring patients for support.



MAXINE MCCOY

Associate Director of Services

Maxine leads the teams that provide our group and 1-1 support services for people with primary and secondary breast cancer.

Services include Moving Forward courses for people with primary breast cancer coming to the end of hospital-based treatment, Living with Secondary Breast Cancer groups for those with incurable cancer and Younger Women Together events, taking place across the UK and online, and supported by volunteers, course facilitators and group therapists. Someone Like Me is a unique matched peer support service, linking callers with a support volunteer who has experienced similar issues and our personalised referral route – Here for You – helps people at diagnosis get the support they need.



DR JUDITH OFFMAN

**Senior Lecturer for cancer prevention and early detection,
Queen Mary University of London**

Judith Offman is senior lecturer in cancer prevention and early detection at the centre for cancer screening, prevention and early diagnosis at Queen Mary University of London. Her two main areas of focus are reducing health inequalities in cancer screening and validating novel technologies or screening approaches to ensure they can be implemented into standard practice.

She is the principal investigator on the REPAIRS study, which aims to reduce pain in breast screening, funded by Breast Cancer Now. Recently, she led an evaluation of initiatives to improve uptake in the NHS Breast Screening Programme which have directly influenced NHS policy.



DR EMILY LUNN

Post-doctoral researcher, University of York and University of Sheffield

Shaped by her experience as a breast cancer patient, Emily is a qualitative researcher specialising in cancer inequalities and access to healthcare among marginalised communities. She completed her PhD at Hull York Medical School, where she explored how women in socioeconomically disadvantaged contexts navigate breast screening, emphasising underrepresented voices. Emily's research highlights barriers to engagement and supports more equitable access through community-engaged approaches.

She works across public health, cancer alliances and voluntary, community, and social enterprise settings to develop insights that inform service delivery. She also developed a co-produced "Snakes and Ladders" game to support discussion and training around breast screening barriers.



SARAH ADOMAH

**Lead Breast Clinical Nurse Specialist,
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust**

Sarah D. Adomah is the lead breast clinical nurse specialist at The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, Chelsea. With over 22 years in cancer care and 15 years in breast nursing, she is a passionate advocate for health equity. Sarah was part of a team that established the annual London conference on Black Women and Breast Cancer and co-led the NHS-first launch of inclusive post-mastectomy 'softies'. Her work has earned multiple national awards, and she regularly presents at professional conferences on topics including breast cancer, health inequalities and genomics.



PROFESSOR SUSANNE CRUICKSHANK

Strategic Lead for applied health research, Royal Marsden Hospital NHS

Dr Susanne Cruickshank is an experienced cancer nurse, researcher and educator. She is currently the Strategic Lead for Applied Health Research at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, Honorary Professor in Cancer at the University of Stirling, Scotland and Honorary Faculty, Clinical Studies Division, ICR. She leads the Health Services Research Group at the Royal Marsden. She is responsible for building and supporting research capacity and capability among Nurses, Allied Health Professionals and Pharmacists within the Trust alongside a portfolio of applied cancer research projects.

She is passionate about education and the opportunities it affords to promote the synergy between research, practice and policy. Her area of expertise includes systematic reviews, development of complex interventions and translation of research into practice across cancer care. Her goal is to ensure nurses and allied health professionals are part of, and leading interdisciplinary, clinically applied research that seeks to improve the lives of people affected with cancer and their families and inform health policy.



DR CHARLOTTE GOODING

**Menopause Specialist and GP,
Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust/Menopause
Care LTD**

Dr Charlotte Gooding is a GP with specialist interest in women's health and British Menopause Society accredited menopause specialist, holding their advanced certificate of training. She runs an NHS menopause and endocrine side effect service for breast cancer patients within the breast unit at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle and has an active role for Breast Cancer Now facilitating their support groups and in the Northern Cancer Alliance educating health professionals and is passionate about supporting patients to live well during and beyond breast cancer treatment.



OLIVIA CORRIE

CEO and Founder, FrontLine Communication training Ltd

Olivia has designed and delivered communication training across a wide range of roles and experience levels for over 25 years.

Her work focuses on creating powerful thinking environments, and she is especially interested in how curiosity supports people to navigate difficult conversations—enabling more open, compassionate, and meaningful dialogue with patients facing uncertainty, fear, and complex decisions.



LAURA PRICE

**Laura Price is a writer, podcaster, and author of the
novel Single Bald Female.**

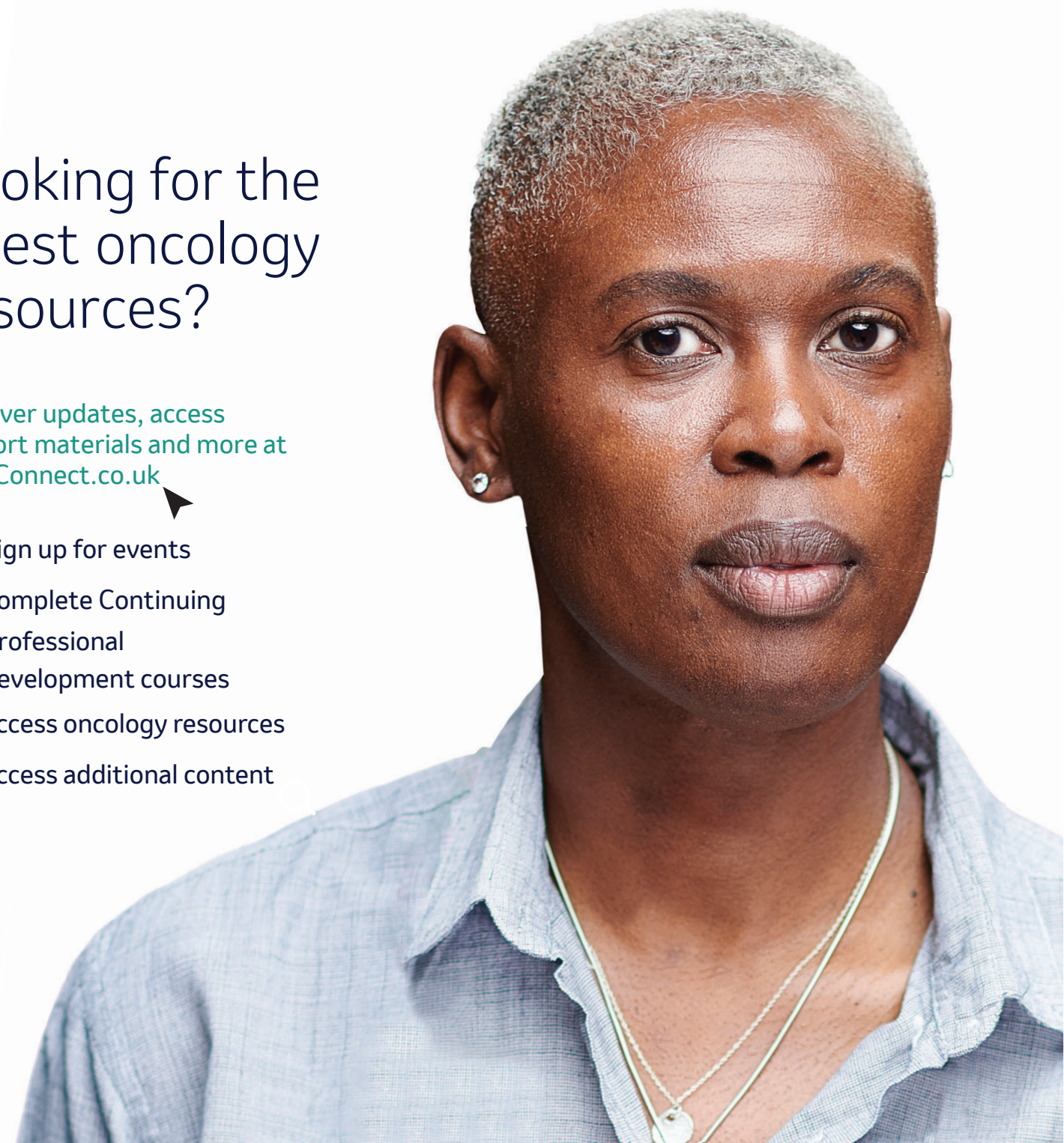
Laura is living with metastatic breast cancer and has hosted the Breast Cancer Now Podcast since 2024.



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Leanne Pero
Breast Cancer Patient,
Social Entrepreneur and Author

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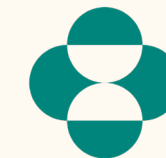
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