

Bowel Cancer Intelligence UK Patient-Public Group Volunteer Opportunities

Bowel cancer is the second biggest cancer killer in the UK. Every year over 42,000 people are diagnosed with it and 16,000 die from it. Despite huge investment in care and research there remains major variation in diagnosis, treatment and outcome, and survival rates in the UK lag behind many comparable countries. Data and evidence are crucial to the challenge of improving care and outcomes for patients.

Type of opportunity: Patient-Public Group Member

Application deadline: 12pm 18th March 2021.

Opportunity details:

We are seeking patients, carers and members of the public with an interest in health care data to join the Bowel Cancer Intelligence (BCI) UK Patient-Public Group (PPG). These people will help us in our mission to drive the production and analysis of data that will improve bowel cancer outcomes across the UK. We want dedicated, enthusiastic individuals who will act as a critical friend to the research. No previous experience of research, or involvement with health data is necessary.

What does Bowel Cancer Intelligence UK do?

We work with two well-established research programmes, **The UK Colorectal Cancer Intelligence Hub (The Hub)** and **The Yorkshire Cancer Research Bowel Cancer Improvement Programme (YCR BCIP)** which have been set up to address the challenges involved in using patient data to improve outcomes for bowel cancer patients.

The UK Colorectal Cancer Intelligence Hub (The Hub) is an ambitious programme that aims to create the richest population-based data resource for colorectal cancer in the world, helping to drive significant improvements in care and outcomes. The Hub has created a single colorectal cancer data system known as the COloRECTal cancer data repository (CORECT-R) that contains a huge array of data from across the cancer pathway.

The Yorkshire Cancer Research Bowel Cancer Improvement Programme (YCR BCIP) is a multi-year study that aims to understand the variation in cancer management across Yorkshire and the Humber, and drive improvements in outcomes.

The role of the PPG:

To be an independent patient advocate and critical friend to the programmes by, for example:

- Critically appraising research proposals and outputs, for relevance to patients and the public;
- Working with the research teams to propose and co-produce new initiatives;
- Participating in and influencing external events;
- Working with the research teams to produce plain language summaries of our publications, and promote findings and recommendations.

Time Commitment: The Patient-Public Group meets monthly. These meetings will usually take place during normal working hours and last for up to three hours. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meetings currently take place virtually on Zoom. This may be subject to change once restrictions are relaxed. New arrangements will only be put in place after consultation with the group and to suit the needs of the group members. Possible locations

for face to face meeting are Leeds, Oxford and Edinburgh.

We will provide support, induction, training and cover relevant expenses (e.g. to cover travel, accommodation and food whilst undertaking programme activities). Subject to confirmation from Cancer Research UK, honoraria will be offered for programme-related work at a rate in line with INVOLVE guidelines.

As The Hub is a UK wide programme we are keen to receive applications from people from all four home nations.

To apply or seek further information, please contact Emily Boldison. E.boldison@leeds.ac.uk
. Application deadline: Thursday 18th March 12pm.