



Leukaemia UK

Blood cancer research and care



Chair Elect
and Trustees



Starfish

Welcome

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in joining our Board at Leukaemia UK.

Our vision is to stop leukaemia devastating lives. As the UK's dedicated research charity working to save and improve the lives of those affected by leukaemia, we fund world class research and ground-breaking care. Progressive and transformative, everything we do is about accelerating progress for all those affected by leukaemia and other blood cancers.

We're now at a pivotal moment in our charity's development, poised for a step change in our impact and influence. Over the last two years we've completed a major programme of work to build one strong and thriving charity from the roots of two original organisations. We've appointed a new Chief Executive and we've reviewed the priorities, skills and diversity mix of our Trustee team. In summer 2022 we will be launching our new brand and strategy.

We're therefore looking for up to five talented and engaged Trustees who will be able to contribute in a new era through a diverse range of professional and lived experiences. One of our new appointees will succeed me as Chair. At this stage of our development, we're especially interested in Trustees with professional financial expertise, knowledge of income generation and commercial development, medical research or clinical practice (especially within the field of leukaemia and blood cancer), marketing communications, and HR & OD expertise.

We welcome applications from people who have lived experience of blood cancers, even if they come from different professional backgrounds. We're also deeply committed to broadening the range of backgrounds on the Board in all dimensions and welcome candidates from all walks of life who have an interest in our work and the expertise to help shape our success.

Our work is positively life-changing. We're compassionate, rigorous and detailed in our approach and determined to accelerate progress. Our work pushes boundaries to develop kinder and more effective treatments. The quality and range of people on our Board, as well as our Board's leadership, is critical if we are to achieve our ambitious priorities on behalf of the increasing numbers of people living with leukaemia and those around them. If you have the skills and experiences we are looking for, we very much look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Corbin
Chair of the Board of Trustees



About Leukaemia UK

Blood cancer is the fifth most common type of cancer in the UK and someone in the UK is diagnosed with a blood cancer every 16 minutes.

Leukaemia UK is the research charity dedicated to saving and improving the lives of those who receive a leukaemia diagnosis, through funding world class research and ground-breaking care. Since 2015, we have funded over £7 million worth of research and care up and down the UK, pushing boundaries to develop kinder and more effective treatments for leukaemia.

This includes 32 prestigious John Goldman Fellowships for early career researchers four Medical Research Council Clinical Training Fellowships and five Project Grants to fund experienced researchers advancing the fundamental understanding of leukaemia, diagnosis and treatment.

Leukaemia UK is a key funding partner in the IMPACT stem cell transplant clinical trials, investing £1 million to fund 11 research nurses and to help recruit over 1,000 patients for clinical trials in hospitals across the UK. We fund the Mind & Body programme at King's College London, a pilot programme developing new holistic approaches to treatment.

Find out more about Leukaemia UK here: www.leukaemiauk.org.uk



How we are run

Fiona Hazell, Chief Executive brings a strong track record in not-for-profit leadership, most recently helping lead two mergers to create the UK's largest breast cancer charity, Breast Cancer Now, as well as securing critical policy and campaigning successes for those affected by cancer, in her role as Director of Communications, Engagement & Influencing. Fiona worked for Camelot, The National Lottery Operator, KPMG and the BBC, before joining the charity sector. She is also Vice Chair of the charity, Safer London. She lives in North London with her daughter. Having joined Leukaemia UK in September 2020, Fiona leads Leukaemia UK to drive progress for all those affected by leukaemia and other blood cancers - the UK's third biggest cancer killer.

Chris Corbin OBE, Chair is our current Chairman of Trustees and Chairman of 'Who's Cooking Dinner?' A Director of esteemed restaurant group Corbin & King, he was awarded an OBE in 2014 for services to the hospitality industry and his work with Leuka, a leukaemia charity which has since merged with Leukaemia UK. Chris is also a leukaemia survivor – he was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML) in 1990 and underwent a bone marrow transplant in 1994. A Trustee since 2009, Chris became Chairman in 2014, after the death of Professor Goldman.

Amanda Stewart, Vice Chair is a solicitor by training and has spent most of her career working for blue-chip multinational companies and as a FTSE company secretary. She is a passionate supporter of Leukaemia UK, having seen friends and family affected by blood cancer.

You can read more about our current Trustee team at: <https://www.leukaemiauk.org.uk/Pages/Category/trustees>

Our Scientific and Medical Panel members provide expert advice to the Board of Trustees and senior management team in relation to the granting of Leukaemia UK charitable funds for the purposes of medical and scientific research. Biographies of Panel members are available at <https://www.leukaemiauk.org.uk/Pages/Category/independent-scientific-panel>



Role requirements

All of Leukaemia UK's Trustees are responsible for:

- upholding and adhering to the highest standards of governance
- ensuring we meet our fiduciary and wider legal responsibilities
- providing leadership on how we can most effectively deliver our organisation's work
- contributing to our strategic direction
- scrutinising performance and holding the executive team to account for delivery against strategic objectives
- being an ambassador for Leukaemia UK and supporting the executive team in fundraising efforts.

Person Specification – Trustee

Candidates will need to show:

- a background in at least one of:
 - Professional finance, ideally a highly experienced and senior finance manager
 - Income generation and commercial development
 - Medical research or clinical practice (preferably within the field of cancer, blood cancer or leukaemia)
 - Marketing and communications strategy
 - HR & OD / personnel and development expertise
 - We are always interested to hear from people with lived experience of leukaemia or other blood cancers.
- strong and well-developed networks, bringing contacts and relationships to Leukaemia UK that inform our activities and build support for our work
- experience of setting strategic direction and supporting delivery, using analytical skills and wise judgement
- that you are a team player who can work collaboratively with the rest of the Board, challenging constructively when necessary
- a desire to increase your understanding of, and commitment to, the mission and values of the organisation
- an ability to represent Leukaemia UK and its work effectively as a Trustee and supporter of the charity
- sound financial skills would be useful
- knowledge of governance, statutory requirements and charity guidelines would be useful but is not essential.

Person Specification – Chair Elect

In addition to the above, our new Chair Elect will play a key leadership role, developing and bringing the Board together around the decisions we need to make, acting as a credible ambassador for the Charity and supporting and mentoring our CEO.

This role therefore additionally requires:

- a strong and successful track record as a senior leader
- strong representational and ambassadorial skills
- well-developed skills in influencing and building support for a cause or organisation
- commensurate stature and influence with a wide and diverse field of communities and connections.

Terms of appointment (all roles)

Remuneration

All Trustee appointments, including the Chair Elect role, are offered on a voluntary basis. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Time commitment

The Chair Elect role requires around two to three days per month.

The Trustee role requires one to two days per month.

Location

Board meetings are held at our London offices and remotely.

Conflict of interest

All our Trustees are required to be free of actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest.



How to express an interest in the roles

We very much hope you will consider making an application to join us as Trustee or to become our next Chair Elect.

To make a formal expression of interest, please go to <https://starfishsearch.com/jobs/leukaemia-uk-chair/> and click on the apply now button, with the following prepared:

- a CV (no more than three sides) or equivalent biographical information
- a short covering letter that explains your motivation for being part of Leukaemia UK
- a clear indication of which appointment you would like to be considered for (or whether you wish to be considered for both Chair and Trustee).

We would also be grateful if you would also complete the Equality and Diversity monitoring form on the online application process. This form is for monitoring purposes only and is not treated as part of your application.

Closing date (all roles)	Mondat 23rd May 2022
First stage interviews for selected candidates with Starfish	Late May and early June
Agreement of the final shortlist	Mid-June 2022
Due diligence	Mid-late June 2022
Final interviews (all roles)	Likely to be late June 2022

