

Pancreatic Cancer UK

Treasurer



Welcome to applicants

Thank you for your interest in the role of Treasurer for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

We sincerely hope your life hasn't been impacted by pancreatic cancer, but sadly if it has, you will share our sense of injustice and determination to improve the outlook for those who receive the diagnosis.

It defies belief that survival rates have barely improved over the last 50 years – shockingly half of people diagnosed die within 3 months. Yet, over the same 50 years, across society we have seen the impossible become possible: commercial space travel, driver-less cars, robotic surgery, and in the last 2 years the world developed and took to market vaccines to tackle a global pandemic.

But our time is coming. Pancreatic Cancer UK, with its network of global charities and research institutions are confident that over the next few years we will see the major breakthroughs in the early diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic cancer. Active research and development, part funded by Pancreatic Cancer UK, looking at early diagnosis through blood tests would dramatically improve survival and save the lives of thousands of patients each year. The seemingly impossible is becoming possible for us too.

We are seeking a Treasurer to support the charity at this pivotal moment and are looking for candidates who bring experience of financial management and oversight at a senior level. We have funded pioneering research into early diagnosis and new treatments for pancreatic cancer, and launched high-profile campaigns, like the attention-grabbing [LostVoices](#), which garnered unprecedented support and brought in new audiences. In the past five years, we have grown our annual income from £4.2m to £9.3m, with a five-year strategy launching in 2023 which aims to take us to an annual income of £15m. We need more people to join our cause to help provide vital funding, raise awareness and campaign for the change that will truly transform the future for people affected by this deadly disease.

We hope this role and the challenge excites you. If you share our passion and commitment to the cause and want to lead us through this period of real breakthrough, then we would love to hear from you.

Eleanor Phillips
Trustee, Chair of Search Committee, Pancreatic Cancer UK

About pancreatic cancer

We're facing a pancreatic cancer emergency. Too little has improved and too many people are dying - more than half of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer die within 3 months.

Survival rates have improved enormously for most cancers, but sadly, for pancreatic cancer, this is not the case. Symptoms are often vague and not recognised. People are experiencing unnecessary delays to get diagnosed, and waiting too long to be referred for treatment. Alongside this, effective new treatments are not being developed. As a result, 9 out of 10 people with pancreatic cancer don't get the treatment they need to give them the best chance to survive.

Nearly 10,500 people a year are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, but it has the lowest survival with around 9,000 people dying every year. By 2026, more people will die from pancreatic cancer than breast cancer.

On a global scale, the UK is trailing behind the rest of the world. Five-year survival is less than 7%, putting the UK in a pitiful 29th position out of 33 countries.

And yet, despite being a common cancer and having the poorest survival rates, only 3% of the annual UK cancer research budget goes into pancreatic cancer. This is unacceptable.

But there is hope.

By working together, our actions today can transform the future for people affected by pancreatic cancer.



About Pancreatic Cancer UK

We're leading the fight against pancreatic cancer. Our vision is that is that everyone with pancreatic cancer survives to live long and well.

We're here for people affected by pancreatic cancer today, providing specialist nurse-led support and information to help guide and support people every step of the way. And, we're funding pioneering research and campaigning to transform the future for everyone affected by this disease.

Everything we do is guided by our values compassionate, determined, pioneering, acting with integrity.

This is a crucial time for the charity. We've experienced significant growth over the past five years: our annual income has more than doubled, our incredible community of supporters has multiplied and we've had more impact for people affected by pancreatic cancer than ever before.

With the support of so many people, we've already made great strides in taking on pancreatic cancer, laying the foundations for what transformational impact in the coming years.

- We've invested a total of £10m in pioneering research, and this is already showing promising results, with new diagnostic tests on the horizon, new treatment advancements and two Future Leader Academies bringing world-class early career scientists into pancreatic cancer research.
- Our campaigning has led to the introduction of a national clinical audit in England, which will shine a spotlight on the challenges and issues that need tackling in pancreatic cancer treatment and drive much needed care.
- We're continuing to improve quality of life for the 2,200 people we support each year, through our award-winning Support Line, information and support accessed by nearly 800,000 people each year and highly rated training for healthcare professionals.
- We are currently developing a new five-year strategy, which will launch in 2023, and it will be our boldest and most ambitious strategy yet.

Our long-term goals are clear. By 2030:

- Survival rates will be the best in the world, and at least double today's rates
- Everyone affected by pancreatic cancer will have a better quality of life.

We'll do this by:

- Driving earlier and faster diagnosis
- Accelerating research breakthroughs
- Ensuring best treatment and care everywhere
- Improving quality of life today.

Pancreatic Cancer UK is led by our [Board of Trustees](#), all of whom are volunteers, and our [Senior Leadership Team](#). Everything we do is also informed and guided by the voices of people with lived experience of pancreatic cancer.

For more information about Pancreatic Cancer UK, you can visit our website: pancreaticcancer.org.uk

Job Description

The Board of Trustees holds ultimate accountability for the affairs of Pancreatic Cancer UK. Its job is to ensure that it is solvent, well-run, and delivers the charitable outcomes for the benefit of those for which it has been set up.

We are looking for a Treasurer whose experience further reinforces the Board's role in creating strategy, anticipating risk, introducing new ideas, overseeing change and growth, and providing critical support and stretch to the CEO and her team.

Role highlights

- Board member committed to the design, implementation and monitoring of the Charity's strategy and objectives.
- Leading the Board's duty to ensure financial resources are controlled, invested and economically spent in line with governance, legal and regulatory requirements.
- Chairing finance committees in line with standing orders and terms of reference and reporting findings/developments back to the Board of Trustees.
- Advising on the financial implications of the Charity's strategic plans and overseeing the Charity's financial risk-management process.
- Leading in the development and implementation of financial reserves, cost management and investment policies.
- Liaising with external auditors on financial issues and ensuring that Pancreatic Cancer UK's finances are responsibly managed/invested for the betterment of the Charity's work and for the beneficiaries it serves.
- Use personal brand and voice to work in partnership with the Chief Executive and Board to represent the organisation to stakeholders, and act as an advocate and influencer.
- Exercise inclusive and effective leadership supporting the culture, processes, structures and relationships for effective governance and to meet their legal, regulatory and fiduciary duties.
- Build an effective relationship that can provide challenge, support and counsel to the Chief Executive and Head of Finance.
- Keep informed and knowledgeable on the major advancements in the world of pancreatic cancer and issues that could positively or negatively impact the Charity's mission.
- Support the Board in its commitment to and pursuit of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.



Person Specification

Knowledge and experience

- Experience of commercial and financial management and oversight gained at a senior, strategic level, ideally as a finance professional.
- A demonstrated knowledge and experience of charity fundraising and finance practices is desirable.
- Experience in the oversight of associated IT and/or property services and costs is preferable.
- Excellent understanding of good governance.
- An appreciation of the wider health, social and political landscape, either through professional or lived experience.
- Experience of serving on the Board of a not-for-profit organisation would be beneficial.
- Experience of serving on the Senior Leadership Team of a growing small or medium sized organisation.
- An appreciation of the fundraising landscape and the willingness to support Pancreatic Cancer UK with future fundraising.
- Personal and professional credibility that will command confidence with the board and stakeholders.

Skills, style and attributes

- A passion and commitment to transforming the future for everyone living with pancreatic cancer. This requires drive, determination, belief, enthusiasm, and a desire to make things happen.
- Personal and professional credibility that will command confidence and followship from all stakeholders.
- Analytical and evaluation skills, demonstrating good judgement.
- Empathy as a key characteristic, friendly and humble with a good sense of humour.
- Integrity and honesty.
- Excellent influencing and negotiation skills.
- Intellectual curiosity and the ability to navigate complexity.
- Ability to empower others with strong emotional intelligence – a reflective listener.
- Highly effective relationship and alliance building abilities, comfortable in an ambassadorial role.
- Demonstrable commitment to equality and diversity and experience of championing equality and diversity matters.



Terms of Appointment

Tenure

The initial term of office for an externally appointed Treasurer is four years, subject to annual review by the Board. If mutually agreed, the term can be extended for a further three years.

Remuneration

The role is unremunerated and offered on a voluntary basis. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Time commitment

An average 10-15 days per annum. This includes quarterly Board meetings.

Location

Meetings are a combination of in-person and online. Physical meetings are held in London.

Conflict of interest

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



How to apply

We hope you are excited about this role and the impact you could have leading the team at Pancreatic Cancer UK. We look forward to receiving your application.

If you want to explore the role further or address specific questions, please contact either Juliet Brown on Juliet.Brown@starfishsearch.com or Rebecca O'Connor on Rebecca.OConnor@starfishsearch.com and they will be happy to arrange a call.

To make an application, please go to <https://starfishsearch.com/jobs/pcuk-treasurer/> and click on the apply now button, attaching:

- Your CV (no more than three sides).
- A supporting statement (no more than two sides) that sets out why you think this role is the right move for you and how you meet the knowledge and experience criteria.

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 part of your application.

Closing date:

Wednesday 5th April 2023

