

INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION?



Ali Stunt, Founder & CEO

I thank you for being interested in working for Pancreatic Cancer Action (PCA).

I founded the charity in June 2010 from the back bedroom of my home following my own diagnosis of pancreatic cancer three years earlier. I then knew nothing about pancreatic cancer and was shocked to hear of the low survival rate and was appalled that there has been no change in nearly 50 years. I was determined to do something about this, so founded Pancreatic Cancer Action to do just that.

We are a small charity with a huge voice shouting about much needed change for pancreatic cancer, and are passionately committed to affecting real change.

As I am a survivor of pancreatic cancer, this proves that there is *hope*, early diagnosis is *achievable* and survival is *possible*, and our focus is on ensuring that patients are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at a stage that gives them the best chance of survival.

Hearing daily of more people diagnosed late and dying from pancreatic cancer is a powerful reminder of why our work is so vital.

Quite simply, we know that pancreatic cancer can be detected early, and as long as we are here and continue to be supported, we will do all we can do to make sure this happens more and more.

With the help of our amazing supporters and donors, we

- Fund research into improving early diagnosis
- Create award-winning awareness campaigns
- Lobby governments and cancer funding bodies for more funding and focus on the disease
- Provide educational courses for primary care and other medical professionals
- Provide trustworthy information for patients and clinicians.

Pancreatic cancer, being the 10th commonest form of cancer, affects nearly 10,000 people in the UK every year, with one person dying from the disease every hour. While it is the UK's fifth biggest cause of cancer death, it receives only 3% of overall cancer research funding.

When I founded PCA, 5-year survival rates were only 3%. We have recently seen a modest uplift to 5%, and some of our previous campaigning such as our 'I Wish I Had...' national advertising campaign has helped raise the profile of pancreatic cancer significantly, globally.

While these improvements are most welcome, it is not enough and there is always more we can and will do.

We have seen exponential growth in PCA since 2010 and in 2017 we aim to raise at least £1million and have plans to grow to a £5million charity within five years. Our exciting plans are not only to raise funds but to increase the number and type of projects we deliver – including increasing our research portfolio, educational programmes for medical professionals and to campaign harder for change.

This means an organisational change here at PCA to help us develop and grow over the next three to five years, which we hope you can be part of.

We have a small but well equipped office in a rural setting within easy reach of the A3 near Bordon in Hampshire. All members of the PCA team (currently 7 FTE) are passionate about what they do, are dedicated towards the cause, and work hard to ensure we fulfil our ambitions. We have over 20 Regional Representatives across the UK who work tirelessly on a volunteer basis to help deliver our messages to their local communities.

We are a close and happy team that works well together. It is vital that anyone who joins us shares our vision, compassion and dedication to improving early diagnosis for pancreatic cancer.

If you are interested in being part of that team, and to help us in the exciting phase of development and growth, please read the job description, person specification and take a look at our website and social media pages to see if you could be a fit for the role and a fit for PCA.



Some of the PCA team

We welcome applications from all sections of the community and are an equal opportunities employer. Please note that we are in a rural location without public transport links nearby, so applicants will need to be able to drive to and from work.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.
With kind regards,

Ali Stunt
Founder & Chief Executive.