

Volunteering with Pancreatic Cancer Action

Health Information - Lay Review Volunteer

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Health Information Review Volunteer for Pancreatic Cancer Action.

Pancreatic Cancer Action (PCA) are a UK-based charity dedicated to saving lives through early diagnosis. Our mission is to improve the survival rates of pancreatic cancer by ensuring more people are diagnosed early and in time for surgery – currently the only potential cure – and improve the quality of life of patients. Our vision is a day when everyone is diagnosed early and survives pancreatic cancer. Despite pancreatic cancer is the **5th biggest cancer killer in the UK**, very little is understood about the severity of the disease.

In line with our mission, we also create **Health Information Booklets** that aim to provide up-to-date, accurate and evidence-based information to patients, carers, practitioners or anyone in the general public who would like further understanding of the disease.

What does a Health Information Review Volunteer do?

You will help us to review our resources and provide feedback on the content and design. Your input helps to ensure that the information we provide is engaging, easy to follow and prompts important conversations about pancreatic cancer.

How much commitment is expected?

The amount of time you spend reviewing is entirely up to you. We welcome thorough and honest feedback which may take longer for you to provide. Therefore, the more time spent improving our resources the better but there is no minimum requirement. All reviews will take place remotely so there are no travel expectations.

What are the personal benefits?

In return for your time, you will benefit from:

- Contributing to our mission of saving lives through early diagnosis.
- The opportunity to improve reading and writing skills and practice providing feedback.
- Excellent volunteering experience to include in your CV.
- Opportunities to meet other volunteers.

Who are we looking for?

Ideally, you will have:

- A good knowledge and understanding of the English language.
- Good communication skills.
- An ability to work and respond to set timescales.
- Confidence in using computers and email.

Above all else, it is important you are willing to represent those affected by pancreatic cancer and you will share our commitment to improving survival rates through early diagnosis.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Do I need any medical or specialist knowledge to get involved?

No, none. It is preferred if you do not, to ensure that our materials are easily understood by members of the general public.

However, if you do have specialist knowledge, please let us know when you apply! This way we can try and provide review tasks that you may find more interesting.

How will you contact me?

We will contact you via email but if there is a more preferred method of contact, please let us know.

Is there a deadline to submit my feedback?

Yes, ideally, we will ask for your feedback to be submitted two weeks after the initial invite. If you feel you will need longer but still want to submit feedback, we can discuss options with you.

What if I'm too busy to help or the time just doesn't suit?

This is no problem, just let us know and we will contact you for future reviews. If you'd rather we didn't, please tell us that you no longer want to be involved.