Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee 2015/16

Membership registration form guidance notes

Background  
  
In the UK, 1 in 4 Black men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. This is double the lifetime risk for all men (1 in 8). Despite having the highest rate amongst all ethnicities, awareness of the risk of developing prostate cancer remains low amongst Black men, as does our understanding of why incidence is higher in this group.   
  
The Partnering for Progress (Pfp) programme, launched in June 2013, is an overarching programme that encompasses key activity within Prostate Cancer UK that is aimed at addressing prostate cancer in the Black community.

It has two strategic aims:

1. ***Empowering men*:** Increasing community understanding of the issue and empowering men to take control of their own health
2. ***Finding answers:*** Furthering our understanding of prostate cancer in Black men through improved research and data collection

The programme is being delivered by bringing together experts in the field of research and data collection and those with links in the community to work in partnership with Prostate Cancer UK to achieve the greatest impact for Black men.

Since its launch, the first phase of the Partnering for Progress programme has been supported by a stakeholder group. The group has been instrumental in supporting us to make great strides in addressing prostate cancer in Black men.

As we enter the next phase, we are creating a new Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee to help steer and shape the strategic direction of the programme and ensure that it is even more responsive to, and achieves even greater engagement with the Black community. In addition, the committee will help ensure that activities and output from Prostate Cancer UK as a whole are more responsive to the needs of the Black community.

Prostate Cancer UK now invites individuals with an interest in and commitment to either or both of these strategic aims to apply to join the Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee.

Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee remit

The Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee will take effect from **April 2015** with membership scheduled for review in March 2016. The committee will be made up of key staff from within the charity, and we are looking to appoint four to six external members.

The Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee will:

* Share expertise to influence and steer the direction of the Partnering for progress programme, and wider activities across the charity, towards achieving the best outcomes for Black men
* Act as an ambassador for the programme, helping to bring together stakeholders that are key to the successful delivery of agreed activities.

Membership Criteria:

Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee members are required to meet **all** of the following primary criteria:

**Primary Criteria**

* Knowledge of health behaviour and cultural trends within African and/or African Caribbean communities.
* Experience of developing health awareness initiatives at a strategic level, targeting the Black community.
* Experience of devising and/or influencing strategies that engage members of the African and/or African Caribbean community, with a view to generate behaviour change.
* Committed to attending a total of four quarterly meetings, to be held at Prostate Cancer UK head office, London Bridge (including the reading of pre-meeting papers)

Members should also be able to meet **at least one** of the following secondary criteria:

**Secondary Criteria**

* Hold a sound understanding of the operational structures of national health related organisations.
* Experience of conducting or influencing research in the field of prostate cancer or other similar health conditions (ideally in Black men).

Please note that by registering your interest to join the Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee, you are doing so as an individual and *not* as a representative of any organisation you may belong to.

Submission Timescales

If you are interested in joining the Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee, please complete the attached form and return it via email to [africancaribbean@prostatecanceruk.org](mailto:africancaribbean@prostatecanceruk.org) by **9am, Monday 9 March 2015**

Submissions will be assessed by the Director of Services (Prostate Cancer UK) and a Prostate Cancer UK Ambassador. As part of the assessment, you may be contacted by telephone

Decisions will be communicated **w/c 9 March 2015**

If you have any questions, or require any further information about this opportunity, please contact Tony Wong, African & African Caribbean Project Manager by emailing [tony.wong@prostatecanceruk.org](mailto:tony.wong@prostatecanceruk.org) or by phone on 0203 310 7205.

To find out more about the Partnering for Progress programme, please visit our website <http://prostatecanceruk.org/about-us/how-we-make-a-difference/black-communities>

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Membership Registration Form

To register your interest in joining the Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee, please use this form to tell us how your expertise meets the required criteria.

Please ensure you complete all sections, and sign and submit your completed form electronically to [Sarah.toule@prostatecanceruk.org](mailto:Sarah.toule@prostatecanceruk.org) **by 9am,** **Monday 9 March 2015.**

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| **Section 1. – Contact Details** | |
| Title: |  |
| Surname: |  |
| First Name: |  |
| Contact address: |  |
| Contact telephone number: |  |
| Contact email: |  |

Please place an ‘**X**’ in the box next to all those that you consider applicable to your skills, attributes and experience. You must meet **all** of the ‘Primary’ criteria, and **at least one** of the ‘Secondary’ criteria.

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| **Section 2. Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee membership criteria** | | | |
| **Primary** | | **Secondary** | |
| Knowledge of health behaviour and cultural trends in African and/or African Caribbean communities. |  | Hold a sound understanding of the operational structures of national health related organisations. |  |
| Experience of developing health awareness initiatives at a strategic level, targeting the Black community. |  | Experience of conducting or influencing research in the field of prostate cancer or other similar health conditions (ideally in Black men). |  |
| Experience of devising and/or influencing strategies that engage members of the African and/or African Caribbean community, with a view to generate behaviour change. |  |  |  |
| Committed to attending a total of four quarterly meetings to be held at Prostate Cancer UK head office, London Bridge, London Including the reading of pre-meeting papers) |  |  |  |

Please explain in **no more than 1000 words** why you are interested in joining the Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee. Please include details of your skills, experience and attributes that you consider are relevant to the Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee membership criteria. *(box will expand as you type)*

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| **Section 3. Supporting statement** |
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By signing this form, you are noting your interest to join the Partnering for Progress Advisory Committee. Please note, as submissions are being requested via email, only an electronic signature is required.

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| **Section 4 – Signatory** | |
| Full Name: |  |
| Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |