

Chair – UK Prostate Cancer Clinical Research Strategy Group (CRSG)

Role purpose

The Chair provides independent, credible leadership to the UK Prostate Cancer Clinical Research Strategy Group (CRSG). The role is to ensure the group operates as a constructive, expert forum that strengthens the UK prostate cancer clinical research pipeline, supports high-quality trial development, and connects effectively into the wider national research strategy landscape.

The Chair is a time-limited leadership role, distinct from general group membership, with a strong external representational element. This role does not receive remuneration but appropriate expenses for attending meetings will be provided.

Key responsibilities

- Chair CRSG meetings, setting a supportive and inclusive tone that enables robust, high-quality multidisciplinary discussion, ensuring all perspectives — for example patient, methodological and early-career voices — are appropriately heard.
- Work with Prostate Cancer UK (as secretariat) to shape agendas and ensure meetings focus on strategic added value rather than procedural review.
- Provide strategic steer on key CRSG processes and outputs, and confirm when materials (such as agendas, minutes, communications and proposed working processes) are ready for wider agreement, in line with the group's governance arrangements.
- Provide strategic leadership to help identify research gaps, reduce duplication, and encourage collaboration across the UK trial landscape.
- Represent the CRSG within the UK Clinical Cancer Research Collaboration (UK3CR), the national partnership responsible for coordinating and strengthening the UK cancer research environment.
- Act as the CRSG's representative at other relevant UK-wide meetings, fora or strategic discussions, where appropriate.
- Feed relevant external intelligence and strategic developments back into the group, to inform the focus and activities of the CRSG.
- Manage conflicts of interest transparently and step aside from Chairing where appropriate.
- Champion the role and value of the CRSG, supporting visibility, engagement and broad involvement from across the prostate cancer research and clinical trials community.

The appointment is for a **three-year term**. Subject to mutual agreement, the term may be extended to provide continuity, up to a maximum of five years.

Person specification

Essential

- UK-based researcher actively involved in clinical trials and clinical research.
- National credibility within the prostate cancer research community.
- Demonstrated experience chairing complex, multidisciplinary groups or committees.
- Strong facilitation skills, with the ability to balance challenge, support, and consensus-building.
- Independence of judgement and commitment to transparency and fairness in decision-making.
- Clear understanding of patient and public involvement (PPI) and its role in high-quality research.

Desirable

- Experience contributing to, or advising on, national research strategy or funding decisions.
- Ability to act as an effective ambassador for the group within a complex stakeholder landscape.
- Commitment to supporting early-career researcher development and inclusive research practice.

Support and governance

Prostate Cancer UK will provide secretariat support to the Chair and undertake background and administrative work, including drafting agendas, minutes, communications and proposed working processes. Any review, assessment or recommendation activity will be carried out by members of the CRSG (not Prostate Cancer UK). The Chair will provide steer on, and approve, the group's ways of working, including determining the appropriate route for agreement (e.g., Chair sign-off, a CRSG sub-group recommendation, or full-group approval), and confirming when processes and materials are final. Prostate Cancer UK will not be involved in the appointment decision or the Chair's independent leadership of the group, and will not be involved in substantive decision making, in line with the group's agreed governance principles.