

Cancer Champion **Job Description 2022**

This role is ideal for someone interested in making a positive difference to the lives of others.

Asian Resource Centre of Croydon Ltd is coordinating the Cancer Awareness Programme in collaboration with the Croydon BME Forum and RM Partners on behalf of the NHS.

The aim of this programme is to educate and empower families in the South Asian and Black community to create a healthier and more knowledgeable society in relation to the importance of early screening and presenting to primary care.

Cancer Champions Overview

You will support the work of the Cancer Awareness Programme Coordinators by acting as ambassadors for the programme.

Remuneration:

£12 per hour
5 hours a week
+ reasonable expenses

Training:

ARCC/Croydon BME Forum pay for all your cancer champion training

Overall Requirements

You need to have connections/access to the Croydon South Asian and Black communities you will be serving.

You will be raising awareness about:

- The importance of attending National screenings.
- The importance of communicating with family and friends about cancer.
- The importance of presenting to primary care as early as possible with any signs or symptoms.
- When, where and how to seek help for cancer.
- Key signs and symptoms of cancer.

- Importance of lifestyle changes i.e., stop smoking, reduce sugar consumption.

Some work will also need to be done via Zoom and telephone, to check in on your communities' progress.

You will need to be holistic in your delivery - looking at the person's overall health and wellbeing.

At every cancer awareness event you attend, you will signpost or refer people to primary care staff, GP's, appropriate charities, other cancer services, support groups, etc.

Role Description

- To support community grass roots awareness of cancer risk factors, the importance of screening, early identification, and self-management.
- Set up and facilitate cancer awareness raising events/talks.
- Supporting those that need more dedicated intervention to screenings/primary care with 1 to 1 phone calls.
- Collect community conversations about the barriers to engagement, awareness of services, cancer information, and community dynamics at focus groups.
- Signpost members of the community to different projects, facilities and information in Croydon using asset maps, connect well, local directories, council websites and e-market place amongst others.
- Work with the community to ensure that the cancer messages are widespread and passed on.
- A natural part of the cancer champion role will be to spread positive knowledge about cancer awareness in the community.

Training and Development

You will receive training and development with the following benefits:

- Be able to inspire and support others to reduce their risk of cancer.
- Help minimize health inequalities by supporting broad access to services and resources.

- Build rapport and trust with others as a respected champion of cancer.
- Communicate and lead cancer campaigns that will potentially change lives.
- Know how to manage confidentiality and comply with legislation around data protection.

The training will contain several elements including:

Awareness of Cancer risk factors

The importance of screening, early identification, and presenting to primary care.

Sector and community knowledge

A better understanding of the sector, particularly Croydon. Including support available around presenting to primary care and screenings.

Empowering people with motivational interviewing

Building rapport and trust with people and supporting them to identify and plan their journey and steps to cancer prevention. .

Monitoring and evaluation

How to collect data, record and evaluate in relation to health outcomes. This will also include training in different directories, asset maps and software used for the project as well as monitoring paperwork and collecting feedback.

Making connections and building knowledge

Building knowledge of what is out there in terms of activities and partnerships to add onto asset maps and directories. Building relationships with other providers to raise awareness about our programme.

Time

- Training will take approx. 3 to 5 days, spread out throughout the year.
- Throughout the year, you will be expected to spread information and awareness about cancer awareness events, health check events, cancer awareness talks and workshops, health screenings, Long-Term Conditions, and the Expert Patient Programme.
- Additional training can be scheduled as required by the line manager.

Where

- Various Locations throughout Croydon.
- Remotely from your own home on Zoom.

Direct Report

- You will work directly for the Cancer Awareness Programme Coordinator at the **Asian Resource Centre Croydon Ltd.**

Person Qualities

- Approachable
- Empathetic
- Adaptable
- **Ability to understand and speak South Asian languages is very desirable**
- Passionate about supporting and helping people
- Excellent listener
- Punctual
- Highly motivated
- IT competent (including Zoom, Email, Office, Excel, Word etc.)
- Organized
- Self-sufficient
- Individuals from diverse communities ensure better cultural understanding, reduce language barriers
- Comfortable working with other service providers and health services

Additional Information

- We require you to have an Enhanced DBS check (if selected, we will apply for this on your behalf).