JOIN OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Help us beat brain tumours sooner

About this opportunity
We’re recruiting to a number of voluntary positions to join our Board, as the organisation moves through an exciting period of change. This is an opportunity to play a pivotal role ensuring The Charity’s success and positively impacting the lives of those affected by brain tumours.

We’re looking for new members to join our Board, to fill vacancies created by retiring members having completed their term. Supporting the Chair, and in partnership with the Trustee team and Chief Executive, you’ll provide support and advice on matters impacting The Charity.

The Board meets four times a year with committee meetings four times a year and occasional events. We anticipate each trustee will sit on two committees. The Trustee would also be in regular contact with the Chair of the Board and CEO and meet as required.

The time commitment for the Trustee role is likely to be around one day per month. The term of office is four years, renewable for a further term. The position is voluntary, but all reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

What we are looking for
We wish to encourage applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds who will bring a breadth of expertise and experience to the Board.

We believe diversity makes us stronger, however, this doesn’t always manifest itself as overtly as we would like. We particularly welcome applications from those who are underrepresented on our Board, including individuals from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities and under 30’s. We’re committed to supporting anyone newly joining the board and are also mindful of the burden of representation for applicants who are from groups not currently represented on the board.

We are ideally looking for individuals who have lived experience of a paediatric brain tumour. We are also keen to ensure that we have the right expertise across our Board to match The Charity’s future needs, and based on this, we’re looking for applicants with skills and experience in one or more of the following areas: Equality, diversity & inclusion, pharma and biotech, finance, safeguarding, digital commerce.

About the charity
We are the world’s leading brain tumour charity and the largest dedicated funder of research into brain tumours globally. Committed to saving and improving lives, we’re moving further, faster to help every single person affected by a brain tumour.

We’re set on finding new treatments, offering the highest level of support and driving urgent change. And we’re doing it right now. Because we understand that when you, or someone you love, is diagnosed with a brain tumour – a cure can’t wait.

WHAT IS A TRUSTEE?
Trustees have overall control of a charity and are responsible for making sure it’s doing what it was set up to do. Trustees are the people who lead the charity and decide how it’s run.

75% of people diagnosed with a glioblastoma brain tumour will not survive for more than a year
28% of brain tumour patients have visual impairment

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Skills and experience

Previous board or Non-Executive director experience isn’t a requirement; we’re looking for people who are willing to learn about charity governance and the legal responsibilities of a trustee. We’ll provide training and buddying to ensure first-time trustees feel fully supported. The right person should be able to provide oversight and a balance of support and challenge to our Senior Leadership Team. They will be passionate about The Brain Tumour Charity’s vision, mission and values and will be an effective ambassador for the organisation.

They should be able to demonstrate:

- An understanding or knowledge of the needs of those personally affected by this disease, particularly children.
- A strong empathy for the aims, objectives and activities of The Brain Tumour Charity.
- An ability to analyse information; use good, independent judgement and challenge constructively when necessary.
- An excellent, confident and persuasive communicator.
- A good sense of humour with the desire to be part of a high energy and dynamic organisation that often addresses difficult issues but is equally committed to having some fun doing it.
- Ability to demonstrate commercial acumen.
- Experience at a senior level or previous experience of the third sector (desirable).
- Experience of fundraising, particularly with major donors (desirable).

As a trustee, you’ll have...

- An induction, training and support for first-time trustees.
- The chance to be part of a passionate team, network with senior professionals and gain a deeper insight into The Charity’s work.
- Opportunities to influence strategic decisions and key projects.
- Invaluable experience to take forward to future roles.

Practical considerations

The Charity is based in Fleet, Hampshire although we fund research across the UK and overseas. Most meetings are virtual or held in Fleet.

To apply, please send your CV (including comprehensive details of key achievements and responsibilities) along with a short covering letter of application to volunteering@thebraintumourcharity.org. In your covering letter, please summarise your motivations for applying for the role and address the role description, key competencies and person specification.

Deadline for applications: 31st December 2021 (the role may close early if sufficient applications are received before this date).

Trustee Information pack: please click here.