

Role Profile

Details	
Job Title:	Public Affairs Officer
Job Grade:	Officer
Reports to:	Policy & Public Affairs Manager
Based in:	Harrogate – with travel within the Yorkshire area
Hours:	Full time, 37 hours
Overall purpose	
<p>Reporting to the Policy & Public Affairs Manager, as part of the Cancer Insight Team, the Public Affairs Officer will support the development and delivery of our growing influencing work, managing relationships with national and regional decision-makers, developing and mobilising a campaign supporter base and producing annual policy campaign plans.</p>	
Key responsibilities	
<p>Stakeholder Management and Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct and regularly review external stakeholder analyses of key decision-makers within Yorkshire, Westminster and the NHS, with a view to building and maintaining effective relationships. • Undertake research, actively seek to build relationships and manage a rolling contact programme for key external stakeholders. • Organise a wide variety of meetings and events, both in-house and externally. • Develop strong relationships with public affairs counterparts within the cancer charity, health inequality and Yorkshire charity spheres, with a view to sharing best practice and coordinating efforts on areas of mutual interest. • Represent the charity at external events and meetings with stakeholders, working groups and conferences, with the aim of developing contacts, building relationships and increasing the charity's profile. <p>Political Monitoring and Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor political announcements, developments and news at a national and regional level to inform both policy and public affairs workstreams and coordinate engagement where appropriate. • Maintain sound knowledge of relevant policy issues at a national and regional level. • Produce blogs, consultation responses, internal and external briefings, parliamentary questions, key messages and letters. • Manage the public affairs calendar, engagement database and parliamentary questions log. <p>Policy Campaigns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the development, implementation and evaluation of campaigns which support our influencing activity. 	

- Oversee the recruitment, retainment and mobilisation of a campaign supporter network.
- Seek to incorporate case study experiences into all campaign messages.

General

- Be proactive and creative in seeking opportunities to further the charity's aims and strategy, in collaboration with other teams where useful.
- Undertake regular admin, research and analysis tasks as required.

Qualifications

- Degree in a relevant subject area, for example politics, PPE, international relations or a similar humanities field.

Knowledge and experience

- Experience in a public affairs or campaigns role.
- Experience of writing influencing materials such as briefings, letters, blogs and campaign materials.
- Experience of relationship-building and conducting stakeholder analyses.
- Experience of researching a wide variety of topics and organisations in order to inform and strategise.
- A good understanding of local, regional and national government, the current health policy landscape and UK parliamentary processes.
- Sound knowledge of campaign planning, project management and evaluation techniques.

Skills and abilities

- A passion for political influencing and campaigning to deliver change.
- Excellent verbal, written and presentation skills.
- Strong networking, influencing and relationship management skills.
- Strategic thinker with strong analytical, judgement and decision-making skills.
- Strong organisational and time management skills with the ability to prioritise work, handle conflicting demands and meet tight deadlines.
- Able to work autonomously and as part of a team, using own initiative and being proactive.
- Able to think creatively, linking policy, practice and research, and identifying risks and opportunities for the charity.
- Excellent attention to detail and highly accurate when working with multiple sources of information.
- Ability to use values and strategy to influence decision-making, prioritisation and relationship development.
- Strong IT skills including MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint).

Other requirements

- Ability to travel across the Yorkshire region and to London.
- Proof of your eligibility to work in the UK.

- Professional qualification check (to be undertaken once the role is offered and accepted).

DBS Check Level

- This role requires a DBS check at basic level.

Values and Behaviours

- Passionate about the values of Yorkshire Cancer Research (see 'Our Values' below).
- A passion for excellence and a drive to succeed.
- Safeguarding is the responsibility of all employees who must remain aware and vigilant to potential safeguarding breaches and always report any suspicions or incidents following our internal reporting guidelines which will be shared during induction.
- Yorkshire Cancer Research operates a strict 'no smoking' policy throughout our premises, car parks and vehicles. Staff must not smoke whilst wearing charity branded clothing or whilst on duty. If the post holder chooses to, the charity will help and support them to stop completely or temporarily abstain from smoking during their working hours.

Our Values & Behaviours

Our Values

Here for Yorkshire	United by the cause	Think big and bold	Make it happen
<p>The needs of people in Yorkshire come first.</p> <p>They are at the heart of everything we do.</p>	<p>We collaborate with each other and with other organisations; united by the need to <i>Give Yorkshire More Life to Live</i>.</p>	<p>We deliver world-leading research and services.</p> <p>We dare to think differently.</p>	<p>We create and build solutions.</p> <p>We approach our work with positivity, energy and drive.</p>

Our Behaviours

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<p>Here for Yorkshire</p>	<p>The needs of people in Yorkshire come first</p> <p>Yorkshire Cancer Research exists to prevent diagnose and treat cancer in Yorkshire. The needs and interests of people in Yorkshire are at the forefront of what we do, how we think and how we act.</p> <p>People are the heart of everything we do</p> <p>When we develop new plans, projects and activities, we actively seek patient, supporter and/or customer input to inform our approach and decision-making.</p>
<p>United by the Cause</p>	<p>United by the need to <i>Give Yorkshire More Life to Live</i></p>

	<p>We are transparent and open in what we do and what we say, uniting to support one another in achieving our shared goals.</p> <p>We collaborate with each other and other organisations</p> <p>We work to build relationships based on trust and collaboration. We seek to understand the needs and objectives of others to establish the common ground and agree how we can work together to benefit people in Yorkshire.</p>
<p>Think Big and Bold</p>	<p>We deliver world-leading research and services</p> <p>We evaluate worldwide research and we test and we learn in order to drive the greatest advances and impact in cancer research and services. We promote a culture of continual improvement and innovation.</p> <p>We dare to think differently to Give Yorkshire More Life To Live</p> <p>We are ambitious and not afraid to try something new or difficult when it comes to achieving our goals.</p> <p>Nor are we afraid to make difficult decisions when they are in the best interests of those we exist to serve; the people of Yorkshire.</p>
<p>Making it Happen</p>	<p>We create and build solutions</p> <p>We are focused on understanding the impact of our work and the difference it is making. We ensure we are always pushing forward the achievement of our charity's vision.</p> <p>We approach our work with positivity, energy and drive</p> <p>We see every challenge as an opportunity to provide a solution.</p> <p>When it comes to preventing, diagnosis and treating cancer, we deliver pioneering solutions <i>To Give Yorkshire More Life To Live</i>.</p> <p>We pursue our goals with enthusiasm and commitment; always asking 'Can I, and can we, do more?'.</p>

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Job Applicant Privacy Notice

Data controller: Yorkshire Cancer Research (the Charity)

As part of any recruitment process, the Charity collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. The Charity is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

What information does the Charity collect?

The Charity collects a range of information about you. This includes but is not limited to:

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number;
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history;
- information about your current level of remuneration, including benefit entitlements;
- whether or not you have a disability for which the organisation needs to make reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process;
- information about your entitlement to work in the UK; and
- equal opportunities monitoring information, including information about your ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health and religion or belief.

The Charity collects this information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be contained in application forms, CVs or resumes, obtained from your passport or other identity documents, or collected through interviews or other forms of assessment, including online tests.

The Charity will also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers, information from employment background check providers and information from criminal records checks. The Charity will seek information from third parties only once a job offer to you has been made and will inform you that it is doing so.

Data will be stored in a range of different places, including on your application record, in HR management systems and on other IT systems (including email).

Why does the Charity process personal data?

The Charity needs to process data to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract with you. It also needs to process your data to enter into a contract with you.

In some cases, the Charity needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is required to check a successful applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts.

The Charity has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows the Charity to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment and decide to whom to offer a job. The Charity may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims.

Where the Charity relies on legitimate interests as a reason for processing data, it has considered whether or not those interests are overridden by the rights and freedoms of employees or workers and has concluded that they are not.

The Charity processes health information if it needs to make reasonable adjustments to the recruitment process for candidates who have a disability. This is to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

Where the Charity processes other special categories of data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health or religion or belief, this is for equal opportunities monitoring purposes.

The Charity is obliged to seek information about criminal convictions and offences. Where the Charity seeks this information, it does so because it is necessary for it to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

If your application is unsuccessful, the Charity will keep your personal data on file in case there are future employment opportunities for which you may be suited. The Charity will ask for your consent before it keeps your data for this purpose, and you are free to withdraw your consent at any time.

Who has access to data?

Your information will be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment process. This includes members of the HR and senior executive teams, interviewers involved in the recruitment process, managers in the Charity's team with the vacancy and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for the performance of their roles.

The Charity will not share your data with third parties, unless your application for employment is successful and it makes you an offer of employment. The Charity will then share your data with former employers to obtain references for you, employment background check providers to obtain necessary background checks and the Disclosure and Barring Service to obtain necessary criminal records checks.

The Charity will not transfer your data outside the United Kingdom.

How does the Charity protect data?

The Charity takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties. The Charity has a Data Protection Policy and an ICT Acceptable Use Policy which apply to all its employees.

For how long does the Charity keep data?

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, the Charity will hold your data on file for 6 months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. If you agree to allow the organisation to keep your personal data on file, the Charity will hold your data on file for a further period of 6 months for consideration for future employment opportunities. At the end of that period or once you withdraw your consent, your data is deleted or destroyed.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained during your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be provided to you in a new employee privacy statement.

Your rights

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. You can:

- access and obtain a copy of your data on request;
- require the Charity to change incorrect or incomplete data;
- require the Charity to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing;
- object to the processing of your data where the Charity is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing; and
- ask the Charity to stop processing data for a period if data is inaccurate or there is a dispute about whether or not your interests override the Charity's legitimate grounds for processing data.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact the Charity's Company Secretary, Joanne Mornin (joanne.mornin@ycr.org.uk)

You can make a subject access request by contacting the Company Secretary.

If you believe that the Charity has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner.

What if you do not provide personal data?

You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to the Charity during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, the Charity may not be able to process your application properly or at all.

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