



## Curriculum Vitae

Personal information **Carol Haslam**

Work experience

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Education and training

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Additional information

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Publications

Projects

Memberships

Other Relevant Information

I am a patient representative,

As a synovial sarcoma patient and survivor, I bring both lived experience and extensive patient advocacy experience to my work. I was diagnosed with sarcoma in 2017 and underwent an arm amputation and chemotherapy as part of my treatment. Since my initial diagnosis, I have also experienced recurrence and undergone further surgery, giving me first-hand experience of the ongoing uncertainty, anxiety, and challenges that can accompany life after a cancer diagnosis. My experience navigating diagnosis, treatment, recurrence, surgery, rehabilitation, survivorship, disability, and the long-term impact of cancer has given me a deep understanding of the challenges faced by patients and their families.

Through my role within Sarcoma Cancer Ireland, I have gained a broad understanding of the practical, emotional, financial, and psychosocial challenges faced by people living with rare cancers and their families. This includes issues relating to access to specialist care, delays in diagnosis, treatment side effects, quality of life, mental health, rehabilitation, financial hardship, fear of recurrence, and the impact of cancer on family members and caregivers.

I am committed to ensuring that the patient voice remains central to healthcare decision-making and that the lived experience of patients and families is valued alongside clinical and scientific expertise.