Health Information Reviewer

Why we want you

Alzheimer’s Research UK is the UK’s leading dementia research charity. We believe that medical research can and will deliver life-changing preventions, treatments and one day, a cure for dementia.

An important part of the charity’s remit is to raise awareness of dementia and the diseases that cause it, tackling the misunderstandings and stigma that surround the condition. As part of this aim, we produce a range of health information booklets that provide the public with accurate, up-to-date and evidence-based information.

We want you to help us review our health information booklets by providing feedback on the content and design. Your input helps us to ensure the information we provide is useful for people living with dementia and their families, as well as people who would like to find out more about the condition.

What you will be doing

- Usually, we will send you an existing health information booklet and ask for your feedback on it.
- We will send you the item by email or post with a simple feedback form to complete. But you can provide feedback verbally over the phone if that would be easier for you.
- Occasionally, we may ask for your input into a new leaflet or a webpage. We might involve you at the planning stage – thinking about what topics to include, for example.
- We will read and carefully consider any comments you provide about our information. However, we cannot guarantee that all suggestions will be used.

Where and when

It is likely that we would only ask for your feedback once or twice a year, and the amount of time you spend reviewing each piece is up to you. Usually, an hour is plenty. We welcome honest and thorough feedback. We ask you to reply within two weeks of the invitation to review.

Feedback is all provided remotely and there is no requirement for you to visit our offices.

The skills you need

- Strong reading skills aren’t a requirement for the role. In fact, we would welcome people who are not confident readers so that so we can ensure our information is easy to understand, and accessible for as wide a range of people as possible.
- Able to provide a review within set timescale (2 weeks).
- Able to reply to a review via email, post, or verbally over the phone.
- Experience of dementia is desirable, but isn’t necessary. If you have any personal experience of dementia, please let us know some details about this when you apply (e.g. ‘my mum had frontotemporal dementia’). That way we can contact you about the updates you might have a particular insight into.

Most of the time our requirement is for our English health information updates, but we want to provide high quality information about dementia for all of society. If you can fluently read: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Gujarati, Punjabi, Polish, Tamil, Urdu or Welsh then we would love to hear from you.

If you have skills in other languages we would also like to know, if you are happy for us to keep your contact details for future projects.
The benefits for you

- We will ask you what you think, listen to what you have to say, and value your opinion.
- You’ll gain the opportunity to use and develop skills in reading, writing and giving feedback.
- You’ll be helping people affected by dementia to access information that is clear, easy to read and helpful to them.
- When you volunteer with Alzheimer’s Research UK, you’ll be at the heart of our efforts to bring about life-changing treatments for everyone affected by dementia.
- To keep you up to date with what’s happening in our volunteering community, we’ll send you our regular e-newsletters.

The next step

To apply, please fill in our online application form:  
www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/volunteering/health-information-reviewers

If you have any questions about this role please contact the volunteering team by email: 
volunteer@alzheimersresearchuk.org or telephone 0300 111 5555.

For further details visit our website: www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/volunteer