

**Role description for members of the Advisory Council**

**Purpose of the Role:**

To contribute expert insight, whether professional or personal lived experience, to inform and advise Together for Short Lives on strategic issues, challenges, and opportunities within children’s palliative care.

**Key Responsibilities:**

* Attend and actively contribute to Advisory Council meetings (minimum 3 per year).
* Use your experience to inform discussions and recommendations on sector developments.
* Act as a conduit between the Advisory Council and relevant stakeholder groups, gathering and sharing views.
* Ensure the lived experiences of children, young people, and families are represented in discussions and decisions.
* Collaborate on specific projects, groups, or subcommittees as required.
* Support accessible, inclusive, and meaningful participation of all members, especially those with lived experience.
* Provide feedback to support ongoing improvement of the Council’s function and impact.
* Abide by the Council’s Terms of Reference and commit to collective decision-making and mutual respect.

**Person Specification:**

**Essential (for all members):**

* A commitment to improving children’s palliative care and the work of Together for Short Lives.
* Willingness to share your expertise (clinical or lived experience) constructively and respectfully.
* Ability to attend and engage in Council meetings and related activities.
* Strong listening and communication skills.
* Willingness to engage with and represent the views of peers, colleagues, or networks.

**For Clinicians/Professionals:**

* Current or recent experience in children’s palliative care or a related field (e.g., medicine, nursing, psychology, social care, commissioning, policy, research etc).
* Knowledge of the wider health and care landscape for children with life-limiting conditions.
* Experience working in collaborative or multi-agency environments.

**For Members with Lived Experience:**

* Direct experience as a parent, carer, or young person who has accessed children’s palliative care.
* Willingness to share personal insights to help shape policy and practice.
* Support needs will be accommodated (e.g., pre-meeting briefings, flexible participation formats).

**Support and Remuneration:**

* All reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.
* Members will receive ongoing support from Together for Short Lives staff, including pre-meeting briefings if needed.
* Additional adjustments can be made to ensure inclusive participation.

**Commitment to Inclusion:**

We are committed to ensuring the Advisory Council reflects the full diversity of the children’s palliative care sector, including a mix of ages, backgrounds, identities, and experiences from across the UK.