

## A.2. Short Biography

Alan Chant's business career was spent principally in marketing and business development roles in national and international consumer goods companies, including Sainsbury's, United Biscuits, Seagram and the UK National Lottery. He was a main board Director in five companies over a 22-year period.

Academically, his qualifications include a BA (Hons) in Business Studies, a PostGraduate Diploma in Marketing and an MBA from Henley, UK.

Two years after retiring from full-time work he was diagnosed with myeloma cancer and underwent a period of intensive treatment in UK hospitals. He has also participated in a clinical trial for a new myeloma cancer drug. As a result of this experience, he became a patient representative on a number of UK regional and national research organisations, including:

- Cancer Research UK Early Diagnosis Advisory Group
- NICE Myeloma Guidelines Development Group
- NICE Improving Outcomes for Haematology Cancers Group
- UK Clinical Research Collaboration Board (UKCRC)
- NIHR Funding bodies (PGfAR, HTA and SPCR) - reviewing over 200 applications
- Oxford Oncology Clinical Trials Unit
- Oxford Biomedical Research Centre – Steering Committee member
- PPI Lead and TSC patient representative on two clinical trials

He has also been a Trustee of Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Charitable Funds and is currently a Trustee of Myeloma UK, has been a co-applicant on four research grant applications and a speaker on myeloma and PPI at regional and national conferences.