Early Diagnosis Advisory Group (EDAG)
Supplementary Terms of Reference

This document sets out the key responsibilities that the Scientific Executive Board (SEB) has delegated to the Early Diagnosis Advisory Group (EDAG). It should be read in conjunction with the General Terms of Reference for Funding Committees.

1. Remit
1.1 To advise the Policy and Information Directorate and Executive Board (EB) as required on all aspects of Cancer Research UK’s early diagnosis policies and strategies.
1.2 To be responsible to the SEB for the oversight, development, review, funding and management of a portfolio of awards for research projects, related to the early diagnosis of cancer and access to optimal treatment.
1.3 The remit of the group does not cover biomedical research, such as the identification of biomarkers or new screening techniques.

2. Additional Terms
2.1 To ensure the maintenance of an internationally competitive research and policy portfolio, which is targeted to the fulfilment of Cancer Research UK’s goals, vision and purpose, by allocating resources on the basis of scientific excellence and relevance to Cancer Research UK’s strategy in early diagnosis.
2.2 To develop organisational policy positions on early diagnosis issues, drawing as needed on external advisors.
2.3 To report to Policy and Information Senior Leadership team on funding and policy developments through EDAG minutes.
2.4 To provide the Policy and Information Senior Leadership team and other parts of the organisation with early diagnosis advice and guidance as needed.
2.5 To commission topic reviews, and help develop Cancer Research UK’s early diagnosis policies and strategies and associated research portfolio.
2.6 The Committee will receive its budget from Policy and Information and will have authority to allocate funding within the budget.
2.7 EDAG will only make funding awards to UK based organisations or institutions.

3. Membership
The Committee will comply with the membership requirements set out in the General Terms of Reference for Funding Committees.

4. Meetings
The Committee will meet up to three times a year and do other urgent business by email.

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