

Chief Executive – Eric Low



Eric has been involved in the field of myeloma for over 20 years. Working as a volunteer in the United States for the International Myeloma Foundation, he recognised the need and the benefit of providing information and support to people affected by myeloma. Returning to the UK, Eric identified the need for a similar organisation in the UK and as a result he set up Myeloma UK in 1997. Under Eric's direction Myeloma UK has grown and developed and is the only UK cancer organisation dealing exclusively with myeloma. The organisation currently employs over 40 members of staff and provides a broad range of services covering every aspect of myeloma from information and support, to improving standards of treatment and care through research, education, information and support, campaigning and raising awareness. Today, Myeloma UK reaches over 12,000 people affected by myeloma and the majority of healthcare professionals involved in their care. As Chief Executive, Eric has been instrumental in developing the organisation's 'bench-to-bedside' strategy, an integrated model to systematically address and remove the barriers that are preventing or slowing down research and the development and access to new treatments, optimal treatment and care and information and support.

Amongst a very busy portfolio of projects, Eric's recent achievements have included establishing a national Myeloma Early Phase Clinical Trial Network and a myeloma genetics and drug development research programme. Eric has also ensured that myeloma patients in the UK have been able to access novel treatments through advocating solution-oriented approaches to the way drugs are made available on the NHS.

Eric currently has a particular interest in drug pricing, as well as developing innovative ways to translate the outcomes of clinical research into clinical practice. He is also currently working on a number of initiatives including the development of an outcomes registry, state of the art treatment pathways and guidelines and a myeloma bio-banking strategy.

He is an active member of a number of myeloma and cancer-related boards, steering groups and committees.

Eric spends much of his time out and about meeting with representatives from the myeloma community, tirelessly campaigning on behalf of myeloma patients for the very best standards of treatment and care. Through his passion and enthusiasm he has significantly raised the profile of myeloma in the medical, political and media arena.

Eric was awarded an OBE for services to charity as Chief Executive, Myeloma UK in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2012.