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Candidate Statement

I am putting myself forward for the National Voices Trustee role because first and foremost I care. I care passionately about our NHS and ending health and care inequalities in this country ensuring people have the best possible treatment and aftercare, no matter who they are or where they live. I care about empowering people and communities to ensure they can access the health services they need whilst being able to make the crucial choices about their own treatment and care.

I would bring a rare drive and energy to the Board of Trustees combined with the pragmatism, skills, knowledge and experience required to ensure an even brighter future for National Voices. I have worked in the charity sector for over 12 years working my way up from volunteer level to where I am now, a senior manager within a large cancer charity. I have worked across three very different, very challenging policy sectors in my career, starting in conservation with the **Royal Society for the Protection of Birds**, then sustainable transport with **Campaign for Better Transport** and now men's health with **Prostate Cancer UK** and have a track record of leading complex projects and winning campaigns and influencing public policy. My career in the charity sector has spanned areas such as fundraising, communications, policy development, campaigning and operational planning.

My experience at Prostate Cancer UK includes leading the Change Delivery Team who work to end health inequalities and ensure equity of access to the best possible diagnosis, treatments and support for men with prostate cancer. I am currently leading a project to tackle late stage diagnosis of prostate cancer in men focussing on factors such as age and social deprivation. Quite simply, your background and where you live should never limit your chances of survival of prostate cancer.

My dexterity working across sectors in small and large charities means I am the perfect fit for the trustee role. I am a natural leader and a safe pair of hands with extensive managerial and leadership experience and

understand the challenges but also the opportunities that being a trustee of National Voices would present.

I have been the National Voices Member Representative at Prostate Cancer UK for over two and half years ensuring the charity is fully engaged with the priorities, work and opportunities at National Voices. The wealth of skills, knowledge and experience I have of the health and care policy sector and the extensive background I have in leadership, influencing, empowering people and ultimately affecting system change make me a perfect fit for the trustee role at National Voices.