

EXAMPLE OF A NOMINATION OF SOMEONE LIVING WITH NEUROENDOCRINE CANCER

Nominee: Sarah W

Connection to Neuroendocrine Cancer: Living with neuroendocrine cancer

I would like to nominate Sarah W for the Neuroendocrine Cancer UK Hero Award in recognition of her extraordinary courage, resilience, and unwavering spirit in the face of this disease.

Sarah was diagnosed with neuroendocrine cancer in 2011 but leading up to that she had experienced a number of years living with symptoms when healthcare professionals were unable to diagnose her accurately. During this time she advocated for herself and persevered until a diagnosis was reached.

From the earliest days of their diagnosis, Sarah chose not to be defined by her illness, but rather to define how she would live with it. Despite enduring countless appointments, scans, treatments, and moments of uncertainty, she continued to live with grace, purpose, and compassion. Since her diagnosis, she has become a powerful voice within the neuroendocrine cancer community, raising awareness, sharing her journey openly, and offering support to others who are newly diagnosed and often scared.

What sets Sarah apart is not only her resilience but her commitment to making a difference. For example, she regularly holds coffee mornings for fellow neuroendocrine cancer patients where they both fundraise and share their experiences in a supportive environment. She also actively participates on the Neuroendocrine Cancer UK Facebook page where she is a supportive and comforting voice for others.

Sarah's advocacy has helped break the silence around neuroendocrine cancer, educating others about the early signs, the need for better diagnostics, and the importance of research.