

## Hazelton, Laura

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Hi Laura

I am writing in reference to the facility which I have full support for as a survivor of breast cancer. I was treated at Charing Cross Hospital and became a visitor at The Haven in Fulham which is very near to my home.

I'm 56 years old and was diagnosed in 2011 at the age of 48 but have recovered and now living my life as a part time Acupuncturist and also Airline Cabin Crew. I was self employed at the time of diagnosis, and had to discontinue working as a freelancer along needed the time needed for various treatments. It was a medical roller coaster. Thankfully, I lived near The Haven and to be quite honest, I think they saved my life. Why ?

I was offered many supportive therapies at The Haven which were not available elsewhere. They healed me emotionally and I took advantage of the support groups, allowing us to share experiences. This proved invaluable, as The Haven signposted many unknown mechanisms as well as counselling, acupuncture, dietary and other services. Not only that, I became an Ambassador for The Haven on several occasions to show others who had been diagnosed that there was something else apart from the medical treatment that would give hope to a very different and positive future for those diagnosed. I can honestly say that without The Haven, I would be in a very different place from the one I am in now and cannot thank them enough for everything they provided. As I said before, they saved my life. Medical treatment was of course valuable, but there is no provision for the emotional aspects of diagnosis and change which is huge when you have had a cancer diagnosis.

Although it's not around the corner, I will continue to travel to the Future Dreams House in Kings Cross as it's approximately 35 minutes from where I live, and easily accessible. I would travel up to one hour for this facility as it not only helped me, but continues to help me and my nearest and dearest live the best life.

I am not aware of anything like this anywhere as it provides more than just facilities. The Haven's years of experience and would be depriving those who have and continue to use it from a lifeline of treatment which is NOT available anywhere else.

If you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best regards

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