Hazelton, Laura

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Good afternoon

My name is Maura Haughey and I am a breast cancer survivor having been diagnosed with breast cancer on two separate occasions. I am a mother of two and grandmother to 5 grandchildren.

My first diagnosis was in my right breast when I was aged 49. I was treated at Queen Mary's hospital in Roehampton. After this treatment had finished, I was in remission until 2011. The mammogram confirmed that the cancer had returned in both breasts. I was then treated at the Royal Marsden Hospital in Chelsea where I underwent a double mastectomy. I then had to have reconstruction surgery and a course of radiotherapy treatment at the Sutton branch of the hospital.

The first time that I was diagnosed was a very frightening time for me. Any ache or pain made me believe that the cancer had returned. There was no support system in place anywhere at that time, well none that I was aware of.

On my second diagnosis of breast cancer, I was advised by my GP to visit The Haven in Fulham, where I was offered excellent support and therapy. Examples of this are the group discussions, individual therapy, counselling, dietary advice for my health and wellbeing. I feel that when the Fulham Haven closes, it will be an enormous loss to women and men recovering from this nasty illness. It is a frightening time for sufferers and support at The Haven helps those touched by breast cancer and is a great support in aiding recovery.

I feel that there is a huge need to relocate The Haven to Future Dreams House in the King's Cross area, which is very accessible due to its large transport links and central location. In addition, they could also extend and expand on all of the services and treatments that were on offer at The Haven in Fulham.

To many of the survivors and those dealing with secondary cancers, The Haven is vitally important so I would request that you consider the application for relocation very seriously and as an absolute priority.

Kind regards

Maura Haughey

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