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Dear Mr Fowler

**RE: MAGGIES AT THE ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL**

Our clinical teams at the Royal Free Hospital (RFH) are devoted to providing the best possible experience for our patients and we are really excited at the prospect of hosting a Maggie's centre at the Royal Free Hospital (RFH). The Maggie's Centre is pivotal to our vision of delivering coordinated patient-focused cancer care that will provide holistic wrap around care for our patients meeting their emotional and practical needs and physiological requirements of cancer therapy. The healing environment and services provided at a Maggie's Centre offers a chance for patients and their families to connect with what matters most to them in a way that allows them to value and enjoy each day of the life they have.

As more patients and families are touched by cancer and as more complex treatments are available people are faced with bewildering choices. The range of emotions and practical problems often loom as large as the actual cancer treatments themselves. Maggie's centres provide a haven for patients and staff enabling reflection, advice and support away from the clinical environment of the hospital. Maggie's is a symbol of hope for those living with and beyond cancer and those affected by it and the centre will be a wonderful asset for the population we serve.

The cancer services provided at the RFH are some of the largest in the UK; the RFH receives the second largest number of suspected cancer referrals in England, we are the second largest skin cancer service in the UK and are the second largest provider of treatments for cancer in London. In the last year we treated 2627 new patients throughout a full range of cancers including breast and skin cancer, gastrointestinal and colon cancers, liver and biliary cancer, head and neck cancer, gynaecological cancers and urological cancers. We have nearly 400 patient pathway treatments per quarter. We provide cancer diagnosis and treatment services for rare and specialist tertiary services such as Hepatobiliary, Kidney cancer and neuroendocrine tumours.

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Our cancer clinicians are active in cancer research, in 2017/18 the trust had 271 cancer studies open and recruited 4,883 participants. Our clinical teams participate at National and international level in service design and quality improvement for our example our kidney cancer team has developed a novel approach to biopsy of kidney cancer which saves unnecessary nephrectomy.

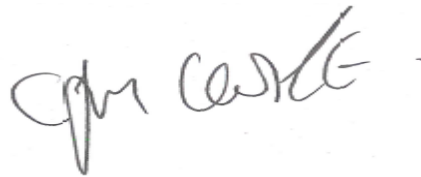
Our experience to date indicates that the RFH can anticipate developing a really close partnership with Maggie's as we move forward which will have an immensely positive benefit on the patients and families touched by cancer along with the staff that provide care and support.

We hope you will look favourably on this application.

Yours sincerely,



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