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Tudor Humphries
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Dear Tudor,

Macmillan Therapy Team Bid

I am writing on behalf of the forum to support the therapy teams bid. At the forum we are aware that there are inequalities between services available at the Shrewsbury site and the Telford site. Of particular concern is the lack of therapy available at Telford for the lung, colorectal and upper GI patients.

We are also concerned that the staffing levels within the allied health care professional team may be insufficient to meet the true demand. It is certainly our understanding that some patients are simply not being referred or offered the services of the team, therefore the real demand is not being acknowledged.

Coincidentally the forum have at the last meeting been discussing how we could test and help meet the need for nutritional /dietary advice for all cancer patients as we strongly believe there is a need that is unfulfilled. A successful bid would allow for a comprehensive scoping exercise to be undertaken across both sites so that plans could be put in place to ensure equality of treatment across both sites. We would also hope that this would give the team the opportunity to find new and innovative treatment plans and to adopt best practise where there have been successful trials, such as the Heart of England's Rehabilitation for Operated Lung Cancer's.

Sincerely

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