

Dear Trustees,

Thank you very much for Penguins Against Cancer's generous grant of £5,000 for research into the diagnosis and treatment of malignant melanoma at The Royal Marsden. We really appreciate your continued support to help improve and save the lives of cancer patients. Please accept this letter as our official receipt of the funds.

We are sorry to hear about the passing of Jude Jones, and of course acknowledge them as the inspiration behind your grant. Thank you also for the information on PAC in your letter, it certainly is impressive the way you are running your trust.

I can now confirm that your donation will go towards funding a Clinical Research Fellow within the Precision Diagnostics team at the hospital, part of whose role is focussed on melanoma research. Their job involves conducting translational studies and working across the melanoma clinics and labs at our Chelsea and Sutton sites. The Fellow works very closely with melanoma patients to recruit those who are eligible onto the studies, and discuss any clinical concerns with the trials team. By having current patients on these trials, the team is able to discover more ways to improve the diagnosis and treatment of melanoma.

Alongside the rest of the team, the Fellow aims to gain a better understanding of the biological processes underpinning melanoma and the impact of treatments such as immunotherapy. By analysing patient responses and potential side effects to such treatments, the team can build their knowledge of what works best to discover and trial new targeted treatments which have fewer side effects, therefore enhancing patients' overall treatment experience.

The Fellow is fully funded by The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, and your generous contribution towards the position allows us to maintain this vital role in the hospital. Please do pass on our thanks specifically to Charlie Gush and Charlotte Beardmore for their recommendation, and our congratulations to Ms. Beardmore on her CBE award from earlier this year.

Thank you once again for your grant in support of all patients with melanoma, and for your continued support over the years – please pass on our huge appreciation to all those at Penguins Against Cancer.

I look forward to keeping in touch and updating you on the impact of your donation in due course, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything else in the meantime.

Best regards,
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