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Dear D Small,

Thank you so much for your support of Target Ovarian Cancer. Please will you pass on our thanks to the Trustees of Penguins Against Cancer for the generous donation they have given to support early diagnosis for those with ovarian cancer. We received your donation of £3000 by Cheque, thank you.

Ovarian Cancer is a devastating disease, physically and mentally, with very few treatments. More women die as a result of the disease than all other gynaecological cancers combined. But there is hope – survival rates can be doubled if diagnosed at the earliest stage. The earlier the diagnosis, the easier it is to treat. However, chances of early diagnosis were made even worse by the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, delaying diagnosis even further.

We have heard from many, seeking advice and reassurance, one woman rang our Support Line because she needed information about diagnostic tests. Her feedback was: ***"You were extremely helpful and kind, explained things well and emailed me lots of information too. It is good to know that your charity is here to help women with concerns about ovarian cancer."***

We work with everyone, family members and health professionals to ensure we target the areas that matter most for those living with ovarian cancer. GPs and GP practices in the community who see people with ovarian cancer symptoms every day. Early diagnosis is in their hands. With your support we'll work directly with health professionals and CCGs in England to develop and test more ways to improve early diagnosis. In the best-performing areas of the country, over 60 per cent of ovarian cancer is diagnosed early. We want to make sure that it's excellent, everywhere.

Your donation also means that we can help relieve some of the pressure on our already stretched NHS by ensuring we enable the best conditions for early diagnosis. Your support means we can raise vital awareness of ovarian cancer with anyone, GPs and other health professionals through high-quality support and information, as well as continuing to campaign for those with ovarian cancer so their needs are not forgotten. ***"One of the best modules I have ever had. Probably saved the life of one of my patients. I did a diagnostic blood test and referred her urgently, thanks to this excellent module."*** Feedback from a GP who completed our training.

Together we can make sure everyone is diagnosed at the earliest stage, wherever they live.

With deepest gratitude and all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asma", with a horizontal line underneath.

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