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Dear Mr Beardmore

I hope you are well.

Thank you so much for your donation of £5,000 towards Bowel Cancer UK's work, given in memory of Martyn Gough. Please accept our sincerest condolences for your loss.

Your support will be crucial as we work to improve early diagnosis of bowel cancer. Bowel cancer is the UK's second biggest cancer killer but it doesn't have to be this way. It's treatable if diagnosed early, but currently fewer than 40% of people are diagnosed at an early stage (stage 1 and 2) when treatment has the best chance of working and the chances of survival are at its highest.

We are funding targeted research looking into a range of different areas that have the potential to improve early diagnosis – from researching new methods of diagnosing early-stage bowel cancer, to looking at reasons people don't take part in screening.

Later this year, thanks to amazing supporters like you, we are expecting to open a new grant round allowing us to increase our investment with up to eight new pilot grants. We're thrilled to be supporting excellent new research projects, which have the potential to turn the tide on diagnosing bowel cancer earlier to save more lives.

This follows from our 2022 research grant round, where we awarded grants worth over £93,000 to four new research projects. They were:

- The team led by Professor Nathalie Juge from Quadram Institute Bioscience will look to develop a new blood test that could be used in combination with faecal immunochemical testing (FIT) to improve the effectiveness of bowel cancer screening.
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- Dr Christina Dobson from Newcastle University will be exploring the reasons why people don't complete FIT after visiting their doctor with potential symptoms and looking at ways to support more people to complete the test.
- Dr Annie Baker at The Institute of Cancer Research, London will be investigating when a limited resection (removal of part of the bowel) can safely prevent cancer in patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), who have an increased risk of developing bowel cancer.
- Professor Joanne Edwards at the University of Glasgow will look at predicting the probability of cancer spread (metastasis) in patients with early-stage bowel cancer, which could lead in the future to earlier diagnosis and improved treatment options for bowel cancer patients.

We are extremely grateful for the support of the everyone at Penguins Against Cancer and I look forward to keeping you updated about the impact of your donation.

Yours sincerely,

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