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Ms Mandie Adams McGuire  
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Dear Mandie

## Re: THE NEW HAEMATO-ONCOLOGY OUTPATIENTS

At the Royal Marsden we have constantly been at the cutting edge of developments in the treatment of the leukaemias and other blood cancers, including Hodgkin's disease, non Hodgkin's lymphoma, and myeloma. Over the years we have been responsible for the development and introduction of a range of new treatments, as well as developing innovative new ways of using existing treatments. What pushes this work forward is the need to improve lives of patients with these devastating conditions.

With recent advances in technologies we are now managing to move care from the in-patient to the out-patient setting, so that more time can be spent at home close to the support afforded by family and friends. What this means though, is that patients spend longer in the Day Care Unit. Unfortunately due to space constraints we are no longer able to offer the level of facilities we think these patients deserve.

What we are aiming for in this exciting new project is to develop the Unit into a patient friendly space in which cutting edge care can be given, and in which the patient can feel safe. In addition patients often spend considerable periods of time having chemotherapy or blood transfusions delivered in the Unit, and we would like to provide computerized information and entertainment systems to distract from the stress of the situation. This innovative new development, combining the latest technologies to ensure patient comfort and entertainment, will ensure that the overall care of patients will continue to be world class.

We plan to expand the Day Unit space and to modernize this in such a way as to enhance the lives of these patients, rather than detracting from it.

We need your help to bring this about.

With kind regards  
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gareth Morgan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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