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Dear Minister,

We are writing to you on behalf of more than 1,600 supporters of Pancreatic Cancer UK, who have backed our Don't Write Me Off campaign. Together, we are calling for a faster, fairer treatment and care pathway for people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Right now, 7 in 10 people with pancreatic cancer receive **no treatment at all**. That is simply not good enough, and we need to see an urgent change in the outcomes for people affected by this terrible disease. We are languishing at the bottom of the international leaderboards for pancreatic cancer survival, and have seen these rates stay stubbornly low for the last 50 years.

Pancreatic cancer doesn't have to be a death sentence. With a **faster, fairer treatment and care journey**, and funding to make it happen, more people can be treated and have a chance to survive.

In 2020, NHS Wales published a National Optimal Pathway for Pancreatic Cancer, which laid out what should happen for patients from the point of suspicion through to treatment and beyond. If implemented, this pathway has the potential to double treatment rates, and move Wales up the international survival rankings. The funding and backing to implement the pathway have now been made available, but we are still waiting to see the first steps towards doing this.

We, and the thousands of people backing our campaign, are demanding the following:

- **Faster:** Fully implementing the National Optimal Pathway for Pancreatic Cancer to ensure timely diagnosis and treatment.
- **Fairer:** Expert care and support for everyone, no matter where they live, or their chance of survival.
- **Funded:** Sustained funding to make these changes possible, so more people can be saved.

Now is the time to act to ensure better outcomes for people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Please meet with us at your earliest convenience to discuss how we can work together to drive up survival rates for people with the deadliest common cancer.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of Pancreatic Cancer UK and our supporters