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I am writing to you to share the *Hope for the future: Tackling inequalities in pancreatic cancer care* report ([www.panact.org/report](http://www.panact.org/report)), which has been developed by Pancreatic Cancer Action and Shire, and to ask for your support regarding its recommendations.

As you may be aware, pancreatic cancer patients experience considerable and persistent disadvantages compared to other cancer patient communities at almost every stage of their cancer journey:

* Patients report worse experiences of care1, are diagnosed later2 and have limited treatment options3
* Survival is the lowest of all the common cancers and has failed to improve in nearly fifty years4
* Mortality continues to rise, in stark contrast to national cancer mortality figures which have fallen over the last decade5

The *Hope for the future* report has been written to bring together the available data on pancreatic cancer in an attempt to quantify the inequalities faced by pancreatic cancer patients, and to identify where action can be taken now, to drive improvements for the future.

On 25 October, a roundtable was held on the report. The roundtable brought together key stakeholders, including parliamentarians, policymakers, carers and clinicians with an interest in pancreatic cancer to share their views on the report’s recommendations and to discuss how to drive long-overdue improvements in pancreatic cancer outcomes.

I would be very interested to hear your thoughts on this report, its recommendations and to understand how you think we can take it forward.

Kind regards Insert name

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