[**Full Address**]

Dear [**name of MP**]

As a member of your constituency, I am writing to you to seek your assistance in a matter that really concerns me.

According to the charity Pancreatic Cancer Action, nine in ten patients who are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer as an emergency presentation will be dead within a year, and only four in ten will survive more than one month.

[explain your personal connection to pancreatic cancer here – making your letter personal is much more likely to make an impact]

**In the North East**

* In 2015, pancreatic cancer was 12% more common in the North East than in 2010.
* 430 people were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2015 and due to the shockingly low survival rate of just 5% only 22 are likely to survival until 2020.

**What can you do to help?**

* I would like you please to raise the issue in parliament by asking a question or submitting an Early Day Motion.
* Raise these concerns with the Health Minister, Jeremy Hunt, by either writing or meeting with him.
* Please consider getting involved in the APPG on Pancreatic Cancer (www.pancanappg.org.uk)where along with your parliamentary colleagues you can help save lives by driving earlier diagnosis.
* Contact Pancreatic Cancer Action to find out local events taking place that you can support.
* Share your support for Pancreatic Cancer Action on Facebook @PancreaticCancerAction and/or Twitter @OfficialPCA.

**For more information please contact Pancreatic Cancer Action on 0303 040 1770 or e-mail** **comms@panact.org****.**

I look forward to your response and thank you in advance.

Kind Regards,

[**insert name**]