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Dear Colleague

Inquiry on Inequalities in access to hospices and palliative care: challenges and opportunities

The Cross Party Group on Hospices and Palliative Care is undertaking an inquiry into Inequalities in access to hospices and palliative care: challenges and opportunities.

Terms of reference:

The Cross Party Group's terms of reference for its inquiry are to:

- understand what **factors lead to unequal access to hospice and expert palliative care for the population of Wales**, considering learning and evidence at both UK and Wales levels;
- consider what **actions palliative care providers and interested parties are currently taking to improve access** to expert palliative care for all members of their populations;
- explore and understand the **barriers** palliative care providers and interested parties face in improving access to their services;
- consider what national and local levers would support improving equality of access to hospice and palliative care in Wales.

Invitation to contribute to the Inquiry

The Group would like to invite you to submit written evidence to assist in its consideration of these issues. It would be helpful if you could use the above terms of reference to frame your response.

Submissions should arrive by **Friday 15th December 2017**.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to: c.edwards@hospiceuk.org

The Inquiry will invite key stakeholders to provide oral evidence during the Cross Party Group's meetings in Spring 2018.

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Guidance

Evidence should be limited to a maximum of 2,000 words. Contributors may provide additional evidence in the form of published reports.

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

The Group welcomes contributions in both or either of our official languages, English and Welsh.

Contact details

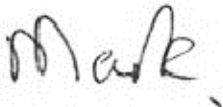
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Yours sincerely



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