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Dear Primary Care Cancer Leads

Invitation to apply for Macmillan Adoption

As you may know, Macmillan Cancer support has a long history of supporting clinical leadership in primary care. Macmillan for some years provided the support programme to Primary Care Cancer Leads (PCCLs) to establish and develop the PCCL role.

Macmillan wishes to continue strong relationships with primary care and would like to invite PCCLs to become more formally affiliated with our organisation through our adoption policy. This strengthened relationship between Macmillan and the Primary Care Cancer Lead community would enable us to work better together to support implementation of national strategies and policy frameworks for cancer and palliative care, improving the experiences of people living with cancer.

Formal membership of the Macmillan primary care community would enable:

- Networking and knowledge sharing with primary care colleagues across the UK
- Opportunity for involvement in Macmillan's primary care work programmes
- Strengthened support from local Macmillan service personnel
- Continued access to Macmillan's learning and development programmes
- Eligibility to apply for financial education support
- Eligibility to apply for equipment grants

Applications will be considered by Macmillan service teams and will be conditional upon obtaining a letter of support from your local Macmillan Development Manager and your local GP Adviser. Applications should be made in writing to Heather Stephens, Innove, 5 Burton Place, Castlefield, Manchester, M15 4PT enclosing:

- Letter of application with CV
- Confirmation of agreement from employing organisation
- Confirmation of discussion with your local Macmillan team

The enclosed primary care newsletter describes some of the work undertaken by the Macmillan primary care community; you may well have been involved with some of it already! If you are interested in applying for adoption and wish to have an informal conversation, please do not hesitate to ring Heather Stephens at Innove on 0161 835 9494, who will be happy to discuss this offer further with you and advise on the application process.

Yours sincerely



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