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Dear Doctor

Cancer Speed Dating Event

Dr Stuti Mukherjee and myself are well aware that the cancer masterclasses we held in Peterborough and Cambridge over the last 18-months were not very convenient for GPs in your area.

We are also aware that your main referral hospital is the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn.

As a result, we have collaborated with West Norfolk CCG to experiment with a speed dating event.

The idea is to host a hot buffet evening meal following by conversations with local consultants and Cancer nurse specialists from Queen Elizabeth.

We are hoping to have at least 4 different major specialities attending. Consultants will stay at a table and GPs will have the opportunity to rotate around the tables allowing GPs to ask questions and consultants to air issues. We hope there will be 4-5 GPs per table with 1-2 secondary care staff and a facilitator per table. A bell will go every 20 minutes and the GPs will rotate tables. The facilitator will make notes and a summary will be circulated afterwards.

Prior to the event we will ask for possible questions and issues so we can circulate them before hand to facilitate discussion.

We hope this will be a pleasant social event, educational and foster a better understanding of the challenges facing both primary and secondary care.

The event will be free, but we would like to point out that it will be funded by Macmillan charitable money and should people sign up to attend, and not attend then we will still be charged for food and the money wasted.

We hope 30-50 GPs will attend.

We have agreed the first event will be at Knight's Hill Hotel which we feel is accessible to as many as possible. The proposed date is the evening of Wednesday 1st May 2019.

If this event is successful, I hope to arrange more and possibly see if we can arrange other ones actually in Wisbech. It will also be used as a model to offer similar events in other parts of Cambridgeshire which missed out on the Masterclasses.

I would value any feedback (positive or negative) and indications of possible attendance numbers as soon as possible. I am very keen to make this work. Please email your comments on oliver.stovin@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'O. Stovin', followed by a long horizontal line and a period.

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