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Dear Minister,

We recently attended Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal event in Parliament, meeting with frontline staff from the charity to hear about the vital work they do in supporting people with a terminal illness.

As the largest provider of palliative care for adults outside of the NHS in the UK and the largest charitable funder of palliative care research, Marie Curie are well placed to identify gaps in the provision of care and the consequences of these gaps. They are clear about the urgent need to fix end of life care in England.

New research from Marie Curie has found almost 1 in 3 dying people currently do not get care and support they need at the end of life. This unmet palliative care need results in poorer physical and mental health, increased pressures for families and carers, and places an avoidable strain on our health and social care services.

We welcome that your Department has committed to producing a Palliative Care and End of Life Care Modern Service Framework. This is a vital opportunity to improve palliative care so that everyone gets the care they need, at the right time and in the right place, no matter who they are, where they are from or the terminal condition they live with. In doing so we can also reduce pressure on emergency services, corridor care levels and free up bed space in the acute system.

We owe it to our constituents to improve their experiences at the end of life by ensuring that all dying people get the care and support they need, and we recognise the practical imperative to do so to reduce wider pressures on our health service.

We join Marie Curie in calling for the Modern Service Framework to:

- Provide stronger national leadership and oversight of palliative and end of life care;
- Ensure that integration of palliative and end of life care is central to government plans to develop a neighbourhood health service;
- Deliver a new funding and commissioning model;
- Invest in the palliative and end of life care the workforce;
- Upscale proven models of care which can help realise the intended shift from hospital to community for those at the end of life.

Yours sincerely,

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