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<Insert date>

Dear <Insert MP Name>,

When a woman is diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the UK, the odds are stacked against her. Ovarian cancer is the biggest gynaecological killer of women in the UK, and we have one of the worst survival rates in Europe. Only 36% of women will survive five years beyond their diagnosis. Whether they live in London, Leicester or Lancaster, women across England deserve better.

Early diagnosis is key to a better chance of surviving the disease. Women diagnosed at stage 1 have a 90% chance of survival but this drops to just 5% when women are diagnosed at stage 4 of the disease. 58% of cases of ovarian cancer are diagnosed too late at stage 3 and 4. Too many women and their families will have anniversaries, birthdays, weddings and first days of school; countless hugs and cups of tea stolen by ovarian cancer.

In 2015, the Government’s Chief Medical Officer called for a national clinical audit to be undertaken of treatment and survival trends for women with ovarian cancer in England in her annual report: *‘The Health of the 51%: Women’*. She said “A national audit of ovarian cancer is surely long overdue”. Over 2 years later, an audit has still not taken place.

An ovarian cancer audit will map patients’ journeys across England from diagnosis through treatment using pre-existing data to highlight best practice and identify parts of the country where improvements are needed. National clinical audits have already successfully improved survival rates in lung, bowel, head and neck and oesophageal-gastric cancers. Similar progress is greatly needed in ovarian cancer.

The decision about whether to include an ovarian cancer audit in the next National Clinical Audit and Patients Outcomes Programme portfolio will take place this year. The charity Ovarian Cancer Action is calling on the Government to carry out a national clinical audit of ovarian cancer.

I would be grateful if you could write to the Secretary of State for Health to show your support for an audit to help transform ovarian cancer survival rates in the UK. March is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and your support will help stop the disease stealing any more precious moments from women and their families.

Yours sincerely,

Insert your name

Insert contact address