Dear Anna,

Letter of support for the Sustain ‘Hospital Food Voices’ project

I am writing to give my support for the application by Sustain to the Wellcome Trust for their project as part of the Campaign for Better Hospital Food.

NHS England has been leading the NHS Healthy Workforce programme since 2015. The programme, which began as a result of commitments made in the NHS Five Year Forward View, seeks to improve the health and wellbeing of NHS staff, including through improving the food and drink environment in NHS hospitals.

Sustain has been a partner in this work, making an important contribution in designing the early stages of the programme as well as being a partner in its delivery. Their work as part of the ‘Campaign for Better Hospital Food’ has contributed positively to the agenda of improving hospital food, including the 2016 ‘Healthy Hospital Food’ league table and the 2017 ‘Taking the Pulse of Hospital Food’ report.

To continue progress on this work we are in support of the application for funding for the three year ‘Hospital Food Voices’ project. Increasing public awareness of the food available in hospitals is important in continuing to make progress on the agenda. The proposal provides a way to make this happen and we will continue to be support Sustain should the application be successful. We are hopeful that this project can be of benefits to patients and NHS staff and make our hospitals more positive, healthy environments.

We hope that the campaign for better hospital food can expand its scope to look at provision in Mental Health and Community hospitals as well as the Acute sector.

Yours sincerely,

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