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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 its project as part of the campaign for better hospital food.

NHS Improvement is working on a review of the policy area around hospital food. As part of this process we have been looking closely at ways of improving food quality whilst maintaining costs throughout the NHS. This includes working closely with our partner organisations.

We support the application of funding for the “Hospital Food Voices”, project which will help to maintain and build on the progress of the work in this area. Increasing public awareness of the food available in hospitals is important in continuing to make progress on this key agenda area. The proposal provides a way to make this happen and we will continue to support Sustain should the application be successful. We are hopeful that this project can be of benefit to both patients and NHS staff. This is through making our hospitals a more healthy and positive environment which provides good quality, fit for purpose food for all, thereby enhancing the overall patient experience whilst assisting in the patient recovery journey.

We would welcome the opportunity for Sustain to be able to increase the scope of this work to encompass food in other sectors such as mental health and community settings so as not to be solely acute focused.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Profession