ON HEADED PAPER (Researcher)

Date

Dear Family

**Re: Martin House Service Evaluation**

During the next six months I will be conducting an evaluation of the services provided at Martin House. I am a trained researcher, working on behalf of Martin House, and with links to the University of York. I have previously worked on other research with families using hospice services.

The evaluation involves collecting the views of families who have used Martin House services, and it is very important that we include the views of bereaved parents in order for us to understand how well we support families at different times of need.

I am writing to invite you to take part in this evaluation. If you agree, it will involve one interview, which will take around an hour. This can be in your home or another venue of your choice. I will be asking questions about the services provided by Martin House, how effectively they meet the needs of families, and whether there is a need to improve services or offer families additional ones.

I have enclosed some information about what taking part involves and how the information collected from you will be used.

If you would like to take part, or have further questions about the project, please contact me by telephone or email, or talk to Sheila O’Leary at Martin House. Alternatively please complete and return the response form in the envelope provided.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

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Researcher

On behalf of Martin House Children’s Hospice