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Dear George, Dear Sam,

The University of Cambridge and AstraZeneca are pleased to share a [new report](#) celebrating a decade of partnership.

In 2013, AstraZeneca's decision to relocate its global headquarters and new strategic R&D centre to Cambridge marked the beginning of a transformative partnership.

Cambridge—Europe's largest life sciences cluster—was chosen for its exceptional ecosystem of academic excellence, industry expertise, and world-class healthcare institutions, with the University of Cambridge at its heart.

Over the past decade, this Collaboration has gone from strength to strength, driven by a shared ambition to accelerate scientific discovery and deliver real-world benefits for patients and society. Together, we are turning science into real impact and advancing care for patients.

We have:

- Established the [UK's first national functional genomics screening lab](#) which will help pave the way for the next generation of diagnostics and targeted treatments for people with chronic diseases.
- Developed a [new type of cancer therapy](#), derived from Cambridge research and now in use for thousands of patients.
- Collaborated on numerous [major clinical trials](#) of novel medicines, helping to turn advances in sciences into advances in patient care

We are also investing in Talent, developing the expertise to accelerate research that ultimately leads to enhanced patient care:

- More than 160 Cambridge PhD students have received funding and joint supervision through the partnership.



- We have established [new training programmes](#) for professionals across research, healthcare and the pharmaceutical industry to help develop the UK's expertise in drug discovery and clinical trial design.

As anchor institutions, the University and AstraZeneca are vital to both the Cambridge innovation ecosystem and the UK's global leadership in life sciences.

This Report illustrates how seamless transfer of people, materials and ideas between our two globally leading organisations delivers both national and international impact.

Yours sincerely,

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