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Dear.....

### Health and lifestyles of people aged 50 and over

Some time ago, your household kindly took part in the Health Survey for England, which was conducted by the *National Centre for Social Research* on behalf of the Department of Health. Your contribution helped make the study a great success, and we are writing now to ask for your help with a new study, which we believe will be very important in the future. A number of Government Departments in Britain, alongside the National Institute of Aging in the United States, have come together to fund the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA). This will explore the health, lifestyles and financial situation of people as they grow older, with interviews for study members and any partners under fifty now and in the coming years. The study is being carried out by *National Centre for Social Research* jointly with academic researchers from University College London and the Institute for Fiscal Studies. You have been specially chosen from among the households that took part in the Health Survey for England and we are very interested in what you have to say. The study is voluntary, but we hope that all of the people who are chosen will take part so that our results give an accurate picture of people's experiences. Everyone who is interviewed will receive a £10 gift voucher as a token of our appreciation for their help.

\_\_\_\_\_, an interviewer from the *National Centre for Social Research* called today at the address we have on our files only to learn that you now live elsewhere.

The interviewer spoke to \_\_\_\_\_ who did not wish to give your new address without your permission, but did agree to forward this letter to you on our behalf.

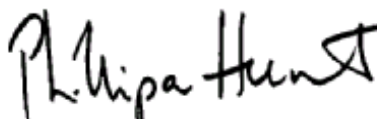
We should be very grateful if you would let us have details of your present address as soon as possible, wherever you are living now. Please call Phillipa Hunt on 01277 200 600 between 9:30am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can complete the form enclosed and return it to us in the envelope provided; you will not need a stamp. Can I stress that by giving us your address you are not committing yourself to be interviewed. You can decide when the interviewer contacts you to explain the study. If you do decide to take part, all the information you give will be treated in strict confidence. It will not be released in any way that allows you or your family to be identified.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Phillipa Hunt on 01277 200 600.

Yours sincerely,



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