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<<Dear Title Surname>>,

Health and lifestyles of people aged 50 and over

Some time ago you took part in the first stage of a study about ageing. It was conducted by the *National Centre for Social Research* jointly with academic researchers from University College London and the Institute for Fiscal Studies, and was funded by a number of Government Departments in Britain and the National Institute on Aging in the United States. Your contribution has helped to make the study a great success, and we are writing to you now to ask for your help in the next stage.

We are hoping to revisit everyone who participated during 2004-2005, to conduct a second interview to see how their lives have changed over the last two years. Everyone who is interviewed will receive a token of appreciation for their help.

We are currently updating our records and wish to establish whether your contact details are correct. Therefore if this letter has been forwarded to you at an address that is different from that above, please complete the enclosed *yellow* form and return it to us in the envelope provided by 17th March. By giving us your address you are not committing yourself to be interviewed. We will be in touch again some time in the near future and you can decide then whether you would like to take part.

If the addressee has moved into a residential care home such as a nursing home, or passed away, we would appreciate it if you could spare the time to complete the enclosed *blue* form and return it to us in the envelope provided by 22nd March 2006. You will not need a stamp if returning a yellow or blue form.

Any information you provide us will be treated in strict confidence in accordance with the Data Protection Act. If you have any questions about the survey, please do not hesitate to contact Sue Hobbs on freephone 0800 652 4569.

Yours sincerely,



Sue Hobbs
Project manager