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The National Study of Health and Wellbeing Children and Young People 2017

Dear Parent/Carer of

Your child has been selected to take part in the National Study of Health and Wellbeing. We would like you to tell us about their health and wellbeing. By taking part, you can help the NHS, policy makers and charities make the right decisions about services for children and young people.



What's next?

One of our interviewers will call at your house in the next week or so, to explain more about the study. Your interviewer will show you a photo identity card. If you don't want to take part, you can call Freephone **0800 652 2704** and we will let your interviewer know.



Why us?

We have chosen your child at random to make sure we get a representative picture of children and young people in England.



Why should we take part?

This is an opportunity to have your say. We rely on the goodwill and voluntary co-operation of people who are selected to take part to make the study a success. As a thank you, there's a voucher below you can use to claim £10 cash at any Post Office.



Further information

There is more information on the back of this letter or you can visit www.natcen.ac.uk/NSHW or call Freephone **0800 652 2704**.

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How were we chosen?

We chose your child's name at random from a list of names and addresses on the NHS Patient Register. This list is called MIDAS (Medical Research Information Service Integrated Database Administrative System) and includes a range of information including the names and addresses of people who have registered with a GP or visited an NHS hospital. The Health Research Authority has given permission for us to use your child's name and address from the register to write to you about taking part.

Who is carrying out the survey?

NHS Digital has asked NatCen Social Research and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to carry out the survey. All our interviewers carry photographic ID cards and have been checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

What is NHS Digital?

NHS Digital is a Public Body and is the national provider of information, statistics, data and IT systems for health and social care in England. It works in partnership with the NHS and other national organisations to help make decisions to improve people's care and well-being.

What is the National Study of Health and Wellbeing?

There have been two national studies of children and young people's health and wellbeing. The last one was carried out in 2004 and involved 8000 children and young people. The information collected from these studies has been used in lots of ways to look at how common different kinds of health, developmental and emotional disorders are and the kinds of things that are associated with good health, development and wellbeing as well as the things associated with poor health, development and wellbeing.

What does taking part involve?

Taking part involves an interviewer coming to your home and asking you about a range of topics about your child's health and wellbeing. You can decide to answer as many or as few questions as you like. For older children, the interviewer will also ask them some questions, with your permission. The interview is very relaxed and there is no need to prepare anything in advance. If you decide to take part, our interviewers will arrange a time that suits you.

