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Address line 1  
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Date

Dear <title> <name>,

### **Invitation to take part in research on welfare advice and health**

I am writing to you about a research study that is being carried out by Newcastle University and the Local Authority Welfare Rights Service. The study is testing out a new way of giving advice about welfare rights to patients registered with my practice. The researchers are trying to find out whether this advice may help with welfare rights and whether there are any health benefits from receiving the advice.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Participant Information Sheet, which provides further details about the study, as well as contact details for the research team if you would like further information. Please read this carefully and take time to consider if you would like to take part in the study. You may like to discuss taking part with family or friends before you make up your mind.

If you would like to take part in the study, then you don't need to take any action. The research team will make contact with you in two weeks' time.

If you would prefer not to take part in this study or to be contacted by the study team, please return the attached 'opt-out' slip in the stamped addressed envelope provided. You will not be contacted about this study again.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours Sincerely

Dr <firstname> <lastname> (Senior Partner)

On behalf of XXXXXX GP Practice