Advance letter

The next stage of the National Child Development Study is now underway, and we are writing to ask for your help.

You may have taken part in our recent health survey. For the current survey, there are no medical tests, and the interview, which this time we are carrying out by telephone, will take only about half an hour.

If you decided not to take part in the medical survey, we hope very much that you still take part in this interview, which is simply about updating the picture of your life. Your continued participation is as vital as ever to the success of the whole study, on which so much of our understanding of life in Britain depends.

The telephone survey is being carried out on our behalf by the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen). NatCen will be in touch with you shortly to arrange a convenient time for the interview. If you would prefer to tell NatCen now the times that would suit you please call Freephone 0800 652 0157. If your contact details have changed or if you would like further information about the survey please contact us on Freephone 0500 600 616.

As always, your answers will be treated in strict confidence. The information will not be released in any way that enables you to be identified.

Many thanks for the marvellous support you have given the study over the years.

Very Best Wishes,

Professor John Bynner

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Please Turn Over...

In the interview we want to check when various things happened to you. This Calendar may help. Although the calendar starts at 1991, you will usually only be asked about events over the last few years.

1991	J	F	M (33)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D
1992	J	F	M (34)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D
1993	J	F	M (35)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D
1994	J	F	M (36)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D
1995	J	F	M (37)	A	M	J	J	A	S	0	N	D
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1997	J	F	M (39)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D
1998	J	F	M (40)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D
1999	J	F	M (41)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D
2000	J	F	M (42)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D
2001	J	F	M (43)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D
2002	J	F	M (44)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D
2003	J	F	M (45)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D
2004	J	F	M (46)	A	M	J	J	A	S	О	N	D

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Dear Sir / Madam,

We are trying to find the person named above who has taken part over many years in an important research study.

If you are the person, we would like to be sure that we write to you at the correct address in future. Please let us have full details of your current address. You can complete the form on the back of this letter, and return it to us in the enclosed FREEPOST envelope - you won't need a stamp if you post it within the UK. If you prefer, you can telephone us on 0500 600 616 - your call will be free.

If you are not the person who took part in the study, can you help by forwarding this letter to them; or by giving us details of their new address, or the name and address of someone who can?

If you do not know of any way of getting in touch with this person, please let us know so that we can avoid bothering you again.

If you return this letter to us, please be sure to tick one of the boxes on the back of this letter.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Professor John Bynner

Professor Neville Butler

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A. I am the person named above.								
B. I am not the person, but I know a forwarding address. Please give details at E. below								
C. I am not the person, but I know someone who may be able to help.								
D. I do not know the whereabouts of the person named above.								
THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE TREATED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. E. Please give address details below, using BLOCK CAPITALS								
Address:								
Postcode: Telephone:								
IF YOU ARE THE PERSON, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:								
Just to check our records are correct, what is your full date of birth?								
• If you have ever changed your name (eg: as a result of marriage), please give details of your old and new names below:								
Current (new) last/family name:								
Current (new) first name(s):								
Old last / family name(s):								
Old first name(s):								

We are trying to find an address for:

Please help by completing this form and returning it in the enclosed FREEPOST envelope - you don't need a stamp if you post it in the UK. If you have any questions, please call 0500 600 616 - your call will be free. *THANK YOU*.

Thank you letter

Thank you for taking part in the National Child Development Study.

We would like to thank you for giving up your time to answer our questions a few weeks ago, when you took part in the latest stage of the National Child Development Study (NCDS).

This study is one of the most important sources of evidence in Britain about the things that affect people's lives. It contributes enormously to the development of ways to improve life for everyone. The information you provided will be invaluable in helping to construct a clearer picture of life in Britain today. As always, your answers will be treated in strict confidence and will not be released in any way that enables you to be identified.

We are very grateful for the help you have given us so far and hope very much that you will continue to take part in future surveys. In the meantime, we would like to keep in touch with you, so please let us know if you change your address by writing to us at **National Child Development Study, FREEPOST KE7770, London, WC1H 0BR**. You will not need a stamp if you post it within the UK. If you prefer, you can telephone us on **FREEPHONE 0500 600 616,** or email us at **ncds@cls.ioe.ac.uk**.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on the above number. You can also go to the NCDS Cohort Members' website **www.ncds.info** for further information about the study and the information that we have collected so far.

Once again, thank you for your help with our survey.

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Best wishes,

Professor John Bynner

Professor Neville Butler

List of qualifications for WhatQual

School-level qualifications

- 1. GCSE
- 2. A/S Level (not complete A level)
- 3. A Level (or GCE S Level)
- Scottish Standard Grades, Highers or other Scottish school level qualifications

Other academic qualifications

- 5. Diploma of Higher Education
- 6. Degree (e.g. BA, BSc)
- 7. Other degree level qualification such as graduate membership of professional institutes
- 8. Higher degree (e.g. PhD, MSc)
- 9. Nursing or other para-medical qualification
- 10. PGCE Post-graduate Certificate of Education
- 11. Other teaching qualification

Vocational qualifications

- 12. BTEC, BEC, TEC, SCOTBEC, SCOTEC, or SCOTVEC qualification
- 13. City and Guilds qualification
- 14. RSA qualification
- 15. Pitmans qualification
- 16. NVQ National Vocational Qualification
- 17. GNVQ General National Vocational Qualification
- 18. ONC / OND not covered elsewhere
- 19. HNC / HND not covered elsewhere
- 20. Recognised trade apprenticeship
- 21. Vocational Driving licence e.g. HGV
- 97. Other qualification