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Dear Patient

An invitation to participate in a research project about the prevention of falls

You may be aware that falls are a common problem, especially amongst older adults. Our podiatry service is working with the University of York, to conduct a research study which aims to look at ways of reducing the number of falls people have.

Our Podiatry service is sending this letter to all patients over the age of 65, to find out who would be willing and suitable to take part in the study. Staff at the University of York do not have access to your name and address unless you fill in the enclosed consent form and questionnaire and return them to the University of York.

Before you decide whether or not to take part in the study, it is important for you to understand why this research is being done and what it will involve. The enclosed information leaflet explains the study in detail. Please feel free to discuss the study with others. Your participation in this study is voluntary.

You do not need to attend the University of York to take part in this study. If you agree to take part, and are offered extra podiatry care, the additional two appointments will be arranged at your usual podiatry clinic.

If you wish to take part, please complete the following enclosed forms and return them both to the research team at the University of York in the prepaid envelope provided (no stamp needed):

- The yellow consent form
- The white questionnaire

For study related questions please contact Mrs Sarah Cockayne at the University of York on XXXX or XXXX. For questions in relation to your podiatry care and the study, please contact our research podiatrist Miss Lorraine Loughrey on the same number. If there is no-one available, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

Yours faithfully

(PI electronic signature)

PI name

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