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Dear Life Study participant,

We are very grateful to you for taking part in Life Study and giving so generously of your time to help this important research.

I am writing to let you know that we will not be recruiting more mothers, babies or partners to Life Study as from 19th October 2015. This is because we have recently been informed that the Research Councils are stopping their financial support for Life Study due to the serious challenges encountered in recruitment.

This is obviously very disappointing news.

Over the coming weeks and months we will be considering how best to use the information you have provided and – if you have donated them – the samples of blood, urine and placentas. As Life Study intended, we want them to benefit research on children and their families. I will write to you again with this further information.

In the meantime if you have any questions as a consequence of this letter you can contact Life Study on 020 7905 2758 or email Life Study info@lifestudy.ac.uk and one of our team will get back to you as soon as possible.

If the contact details we hold for you are no longer correct or will change in the next few months, please let us know by phone or email.

We will be updating our website with information for participants in due course.

Yours sincerely

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