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Dear resident

My name is Katherine Davies and I am one of a team of researchers at Manchester University working on a Research Project about families and the differences and similarities between family members (please see the attached leaflet for more details). The project will help us understand more about what family life is like in the 21st Century.

We are looking for men and women in this area who would be willing to take part in an interview for the project. The interviews will last for an hour or so and will take the form of an informal chat about you and your family. We can come to your home to do the interview at a time that is convenient for you or we can conduct the interview in another place (e.g. the University) if you would prefer. We want to interview men and women from a range of backgrounds and we are particularly interested in talking to:

- people in their 20’s and 30’s who don’t have any children
- people with children of school age and above
- people who have grandchildren

I’d like to call back with a colleague sometime in the next week at which point, if it is convenient to you, we could briefly explain more about the study and you could let me know whether you or anyone in your household would be willing and able to take part. We could then make an appointment for an interview, at a time to suit you.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to get in touch please feel free to telephone or e-mail me (my contact details are above) or complete the reply slip enclosed in the leaflet and return it to the address above. If you’d prefer not to be involved, do please let me know and we will not contact you again.

Thank you very much for your time.

Katherine Davies