

Generation New Era: an important new scientific study

Dear Parent,

Following the recent birth of your child, I am writing to let you know that you have the opportunity to be part of Generation New Era - a new study of babies born in the UK in 2022-23 and 2023-2024, and their families. Generation New Era is led by University College London (UCL) and Ulster University in Northern Ireland. Ipsos, an independent research organisation, will carry out the interviews for this study.

The study is paid for by the Economic and Social Research Council, is supported by the Department of Health and has been reviewed by the Privacy Advisory Committee in Northern Ireland. For more information about the study, including what taking part involves, please see the enclosed leaflet.

Your family was chosen at random from maternity records held by your Health and Social Care Trust.

The Health and Social Care Business Services Organisation (BSO) was instructed by your Health Trust to send you this letter on their behalf and on behalf of the study team. The BSO securely stores and processes patient records for the health and social care sector in Northern Ireland.

The BSO will securely transfer your name, address, month and year of your birth, and the month and year of your baby's birth to the study team who will then contact you again by letter to invite you to take part. A trained interviewer from Ipsos will then call at your address to answer any questions you have and ask if you would like to take part. The study team will hold your information securely in the strictest confidence and only use this for the purposes of this study. **If you prefer that the BSO does not pass your details on to the study team, please let the BSO know by 6th March 2024** and they will not do this and you will not be contacted again about taking part in this research.

If you prefer not to receive further information about the study or prefer not to take part, please either initial and return the slip included with this letter in the enclosed prepaid envelope, call BSO on 0800 183 0040 or e-mail them at gnestudy@hscni.net. You can also get in touch with BSO by phone or email if you have any questions about the study.

When contacting the BSO, it is very important that you include your **reference number**, which can be found at the top of this letter.

If you ask the BSO not to pass on your details to the study team, or if you decide later not to take part in the study, additional information from your maternity records will be used to understand who does and does not take part. The research team will only access this information using a safe setting hosted by the BSO and the data will not contain your name and address. If you prefer that your information is not used for this purpose, you can let us know using the phone or e-mail contact details above.

Full details about how BSO and UCL will use your information for the study are available in the Privacy Notice on the study website gnestudy.info/privacy. If you have any questions about how your information is being used for the study, please contact the BSO using the details above.

Thank you in advance for your help. We hope you'll decide to take part in this important scientific study about the health and development of children in Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

HSC Trust Official Signatory

Should you require someone to translate the content of this letter for you, please email BSO at gnestudy@hscni.net , leaving your contact details, and an Interpreter will be arranged.

ROMANIAN

Dacă doriți traducerea acestei scrisori, vă rugăm să trimiteți un email la BSO, la adresa gnestudy@hscni.net , cu datele dvs. de contact, iar noi vom face aranjamentele necesare pentru un traducător.

PORTUGUESE

Se necessitar da tradução do teor desta carta, contacte o BSO por e-mail através do endereço gnestudy@hscni.net , indicando os seus dados de contacto, e organizaremos um intérprete para si.

LITHUANIAN

Jeį jums reikės, kad kas nors išverstų šio laiško turinį, rašykite BSO adresu gnestudy@hscni.net , palikite savo kontaktinius duomenis ir bus susitarta dėl vertėjo.

BULGARIAN

Ако имате нужда от преводач, който да преведе съдържанието на това писмо, моля, изпратете имейл до BSO на адрес gnestudy@hscni.net , като оставите данните си за контакт, и ще бъде осигурен преводач.

POLISH

Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy innej osoby, aby przetłumaczyła dla Ciebie treść tego listu, napisz do BSO na adres gnestudy@hscni.net podając swoje dane kontaktowe, a zapewnimy dla Ciebie tłumacza.

SLOVAK

V prípade, že potrebujete, aby vám niekto preložil obsah tohto listu, napíšte e-mail na: gnestudy@hscni.net , uveďte svoje kontaktné údaje a dohodneme vám tlmočníka.

SOMALI

Haddii aad u baahan tahay qof kuu turjuma waxa ku qoran warqadan, fadlan ku soo dir BSO gnestudy@hscni.net , adigoo ka tagaya faahfaahinta xiriirkaaga, waxaana la diyaarin doonaa Turjumaan.

MANDARIN

如果您需要有人为您翻译这封信的内容，请发送电子邮件至 BSO gnestudy@hscni.net ，留下您的联系方式，我们将安排一名翻译员。

TETUM

Se Ita presiza ema ruma atu tradús konteudu husi karta ida ne'e ba Ita, favór manda email ba BSO iha gnestudy@hscni.net , husik Ita-nia informasaun kontaktu nian, no ami sei aranja durubasa ba Ita.

ARABIC

إذا احتجت إلى ترجمة محتوى هذا الخطاب، يُرجى التواصل عبر البريد الإلكتروني بمنظمة خدمات الأعمال BSO على gnestudy@hscni.net ، مع ترك بيانات الاتصال بك وسوف نرتب وجود مترجم لك.

Please add your initials and return this slip in enclosed pre-paid envelope if you prefer not to take part and do not wish to receive further information about the study.

Please return by 6th March 2024.

I do NOT wish to take part in Generation New Era:

Name: «TITLE» «FORENAME» «SURNAME»

Reference Number: «STUDY_ID»

Initials: