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Dear [Name Of Manager]

I am writing to you, as the manager of [Name Of Home], to invite you to take part in a national initiative called ENRICH.

ENRICH (Enabling Research in Care Homes) has been set up by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), the largest funder of research in the UK.

Improving the lives of older people living in care homes is a major UK government priority. In 2015 the ENRICH 'Research Ready Care Homes Network' was set up to carry out research with care homes. In the **Yorkshire and Humber, there are currently over 100 homes** signed up and we would like to invite your home to be part of the network.

What are the benefits of signing up to ENRICH?

Signing up to the network can help you:

- Take part in research projects which can potentially benefit your staff team and residents.
- Enable you and your staff to learn about research that can contribute to better care for residents.
- Receive information on best practice, research and training.
- Have a named link person (your Engagement Officer) to research in Yorkshire and Humber.
- Attend conferences chaired by expert speakers.
- Promote your home through the promotional materials we develop such as blogs, newsletter and videos.

What would your participation involve?

Joining the network is free. If you decide you would like to sign up to the ENRICH 'Research Ready Care Home Network' we would ask that you:

1. Get in touch with your local ENRICH Facilitator Paul Atkin and/or Engagement Officer Tom Smith.
2. Complete the online application forms to provide the ENRICH team with some basic information about your home (e.g. size, registration and type of residents).

3. Consider taking part in research (However, joining the network does not mean that you are obliged to take part in research). You are able to choose the research that is most important to you and your residents.
4. Display materials such as posters and leaflets in your home.

How do I sign up?

If you would like to learn more about the ENRICH Research Ready Care Home network then visit www.enrich.nihr.ac.uk.

If you would like to hear more about ENRICH and how we could work with your home, please contact me Paul Atkin your local facilitator) using the contact details at the bottom of this page.

I am happy to talk whenever it suits you.

Yours sincerely

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