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**Study Title: Help-seeking among family caregivers to people showing early signs of dementia
– a preliminary qualitative study.**

I am writing to you as a researcher based at the University of Wolverhampton. I would like to invite you to take part in a research study which aims to understand your experiences of seeking help and information during the period prior to your family member or friend receiving clinical examination for dementia.

Taking part in this study would involve attending an interview with me for up to 1½ hours at a location to be agreed between us. You would be asked to describe your views, decision making and experiences of seeking help for yourself and your loved one at that particular time.

If you are interested in taking part in this study, please contact me using one of the methods below and I will send you a Participant Information Sheet which details the aims and methods of the study as well as your role, if you decide to participate. I would be grateful if you would read this information before deciding whether you would be willing to participate in this research.

I am happy to talk with you and to answer any questions you might have, before you make up your mind. My contact details are at the bottom of this letter. If you would like to know more about the project and/or the research team you can access this information via our website: www.wlv.ac.uk/careindementia.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Kind regards

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