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Dear ,

Thank you for your continued support of BLISS. We are writing to you to let you know that as part of the study, we plan to monitor the health and health care usage of all our participants over a longer time, through their medical records. By doing this, we will be able to obtain data on any changes to your health condition or hospital visits which are recorded on your medical notes directly, without always having to ask you about them. This information will be pooled among all participants, and will enable us to better understand what factors may influence the progression of lung problems in the longer term, and provide us with clues as to how we may be able to intervene to improve outcomes.

The majority of this information will be provided by the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC). In order to obtain the information, it will be necessary to share some of your personal details with the HSCIC, such as name and NHS number. More information about the HSCIC can be found at www.hscic.gov.uk.

If you would like to discuss this or have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Also, if you prefer us not to access your information in this way, please would you let us know either by e-mail, letter or telephone using the contact details below, within the next 2 weeks.

Thank you for again for your participation in BLISS.

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Yours sincerely,

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