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Dear Volunteer

We are contacting you because we are looking for volunteers to take part in a study that is currently taking place at the Autism Research Centre. The study is called "A structural and functioning imaging study of autism and its extended phenotype". We are investigating autism with the use of fMRI scans to help us examine possible differences in brain activity.

We are currently looking for families including two young people in the age range of 12-18 years, where one has no autistic spectrum disorder and the other has been diagnosed with autism or Asperger syndrome. We are also looking for control participants (aged 12-18) with no autistic spectrum disorder (where there are no relatives in their immediate family with autism or Asperger syndrome).

Volunteers will first be assessed at home or if you prefer at the Autism Research Centre. Then on a separate occasion you may be invited to attend the MRC Cognitive and Brain services unit in Cambridge to have an MRI brain scan and some further testing. Your travel expenses will be reimbursed in full and in addition you will receive £5 per hour for visiting our Department and you will receive a picture of your brain. If you are interested to receive more information about this study please contact Rosemary Holt by phone on 01223 746136 or email rh465@cam.ac.uk

Thank you very much for your help,



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