**Invitation Letter**

***Caregiver experiences: visual hallucinations in Lewy body disorders study***

Dear members of *The Lewy Body Society,*

**I want to understand your experience further. What is it like looking after somebody who has visual hallucinations?**

I am a Student Researcher at Teesside University and for my Clinical Psychology Doctoral Research I am carrying out a study on the experience of informal caregivers (defined as those who mainly provide the unpaid help and support to somebody) of people who have visual hallucinations (seeing something that is not there) in the context of Lewy body disorder (Parkinson’s disease, Parkinson’s disease dementia and dementia with Lewy bodies). As part of this I am recruiting people who are willing to talk for a maximum of ninety minutes about their experiences. Members of The Lewy Body Society could make a valuable contribution to this study.

*\*Please note that your group organiser has sent out this invitation on my behalf, so I do not know who has been contacted, nor do I have anybody’s contact details. No information about anybody has been released to, or accessed by, me.*

The research will involve a one-to-one interview in which I would like to find out about individual’s understandings of caregiving to those with experience of visual hallucinations in the context of Lewy body disorder.

If you would like to know more, please find the ‘participant information sheet’ attached which includes more details.

If you are interested in taking part, please get in touch using one of the methods below;

* Email Jake Hutchinson: **T7126601@live.tees.ac.uk**

In your email please provide your name and an address/email/telephone number so that I can get in touch with you.

* **Fill out the reply slip** (attached in the Participant Information Sheet) and post it to the address provided.

Please get in touch no later than **insert deadline.**

***Thank you!***

Thank you very much.

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