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Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand you are interested in the links between transport and health. If you are not yet a member of the Transport & Health Study Group, the principal public health group in the transport field, would you like to join? If you are already a member of the group, would you like to become more involved or help influence the direction of our work?

### **Who are we?**

The Transport and Health Study Group is an independent society of public health and transport practitioners and researchers committed to understanding and addressing the links between transport policies and health and promoting a healthy transport system. We were founded in the late 1980s.

Our publication "Health on the Move" was the first definitive account of the relationship between transport and health. We later contributed to "Road Transport and Health" by the British Medical Association.

Following this we became the public health voice of a campaign for better transport policies. We established a network of transport and health contacts and produced guidance on health impact assessment of transport schemes.

In recent years the network's activities have been affected by the NHS restructuring.

However as we emerge from reorganization and in the light of increasing evidence implicating the environment and particularly transport policies in contributing to the obesity epidemic, the THSG committee is keen to re-energise the network. We need to be arguing strongly that individualistic approaches to healthier lifestyles will not be enough to tackle obesity and reverse the decline in physical activity.

The network is reliant on its members to develop our work and we hope you may be able to become involved in some way, whether becoming an active member or receiving information that can inform your own work in the field.

I would be very grateful if you could answer this short questionnaire so we can gauge the level of interest and help inform the direction the Transport & Health Study Group takes. It would help us if you could answer the first two questions even if you are not interested in joining.

Yours Sincerely

Dr Stephen Watkins BSc, MB,ChB, FFPHM,

Chair, Transport & Health Study Group

# Transport & Health Study Group

Questionnaire for existing and potential members

(Please return by 30<sup>th</sup> January by email or post to Mary Brooks, (Public Health) Transport & Health Study Group, C/O Stockport PCT, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Regent House, Heaton Lane Stockport SK4 1BS  
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1) Please state your name, organisation and job role

2) Are you interested in joining the Transport & Health Study Group?

Yes  No  I am already a member  Possibly

If Yes or already a member or possibly please answer the following questions

3) What aspects of the Group's work are you most interested in?

TICK ALL THAT APPLY

a) Research Network

What research topics are you interested in? .....

b) Campaigning/Public Health Advocacy

What should we most campaign about? .....

c) NHS Transport Network (exchange of good transport practice in NHS trusts and PCTs – eg Travel Plans, health impact assessment, etc)

What areas of work would you like to network about? .....

4) Would you be interested in getting actively involved in any of the above strands of work?

Yes  No

If yes, please state which strand(s) of work, and any specific skills you feel you would be able to contribute to

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5) Would you be interested in attending an annual meeting of the Transport & Health Study Group?

Yes  No

If Yes, where would you be willing to travel to such a meeting?

a) Birmingham  b) London  c) Manchester

d) None of these

What would be a convenient time?

Morning  Lunchtime  Early afternoon  Late afternoon

Thank you for answering these questions

Please supply contact details if you would like us to stay in touch with you

Email: .....

Address: .....