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Dear

Development of Masters Hockey – Open Meeting

We would like to invite you to an open meeting to get your views on Masters Hockey in England and to help us develop our ideas on how we can increase the number of people over 40 who continue to play, or start to play, hockey.

| Region | Date | Venue | Time | Regional Office Details (for registration of attendance) |
|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| East | 8 th June 2010 | Old Loughtonians HC | 7pm | east@englandhockey.org 01284 729354 |
| Midlands | 10 th June 2010 | Cannock HC | 7pm | midlands@englandhockey.org 01509 228676 |
| North | 15 th June 2010 | University of Leeds, Weetwood | 7pm | north@englandhockey.org 0113 2740083 |
| South | 23 rd June 2010 | Surbiton HC | 7.30pm | south@englandhockey.org 01628 897503 |
| West | 24 th June 2010 | Taunton Vale Sports Club | 7pm | west@englandhockey.org 01392 264031 |

During May we have been asking people to take part in a wide ranging survey on the reasons why they do and don't play masters hockey. We have already had a fantastic response to that survey, with over 600 replies. At the meeting we will be presenting the initial findings from the survey and asking you to:

- share your thoughts on how we should respond to the issues people have raised and the ideas they have suggested
- ensure we understand the implications of introducing new masters hockey opportunities and bringing about change at a regional, county and local level .

Your input and feedback at the open meeting will be used to help guide the final recommendations of the Masters Development Committee review of Masters hockey that will be put to the England Hockey Board.

The review forms part of the Masters Action Plan 2009–2013 'Age is no Barrier' and sits within the overall context of the England Hockey Strategy for 2009-2013 – "Uniting the Hockey Family II". A key objective of the Masters Action plan and the EHB Development

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Committee over the next 3 years is to increase adult participation in hockey by 10,000 by 2013. We believe that increasing the opportunities for people over 40 to play hockey could make a significant contribution to achieving that target and welcome your ideas and views on how we can achieve that.

Please could you email the regional office in the region of the meeting you wish to attend stating your name club, county or region you have involvement with as soon as possible, so the room arrangements and refreshments can be confirmed accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Holly Woodford
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England Hockey Board