

## What if I change my mind?

You can change your mind at any time. Your parents or carer can just give us a call or e-mail us to let us know. Any samples you have given that have not been used will be destroyed.

## What if I have questions?

If you have questions you can ask the nurse or doctor who asks you to sign the consent form or look at the CellBank website. You can also e-mail or phone us. Our contact details are on the back of this leaflet.

## Thank you for reading this leaflet

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# Information Leaflet

for people aged 11 to 15

## What is CellBank?

CellBank is a national collection of samples from children and young people with leukaemia and other similar illnesses. Samples from patients are very useful to the doctors and scientists who are studying why children and young people get these illnesses and who are trying to develop better treatments.



[www.cellbank.org.uk](http://www.cellbank.org.uk)

## What do you want me to do?

We are asking if we may take a little bit of extra bone marrow, blood and /or spinal fluid when you have your samples taken for the tests you will have, or have recently had, anyway. There won't be any additional procedures. The extra amount we are asking for is about the size of a teaspoon of bone marrow or blood or a few drops of spinal fluid. We are also asking your permission to save any samples left over after the tests. These samples will be sent to CellBank and given to scientists and doctors for research into leukaemia.

We are also asking you to allow the doctor or nurse looking after you to send some of your medical records about your illness and treatment to the CellBank database.

## Why have I been chosen?

All the children and young people in the UK who are having tests for leukaemia and other similar illnesses are being asked if they will give some samples to CellBank.

## Why do you want to take extra samples?

We want to take these extra samples for research. This may help find out why children and young people get leukaemia and other similar illnesses and help to improve the diagnosis and treatment.

## Why do you need my medical details?

We need to know all about your illness and any other treatment your doctor has given you. This will help us find out more about why children and young people get leukaemia and other similar illnesses.

## Will the information about me be kept secret?

All information that is collected about you by CellBank is kept secret. Your samples will be given a number so that nobody will know the information is about you.

## What will happen if I say yes?

The first thing that will happen is that you and your parents or carer will be asked to give your written permission by signing the CellBank consent form. You will be given a copy of the consent form to keep.

## What will happen if I say no?

It is up to you and your parents or carer whether you want to take part. It will not affect your treatment or the tests that you have — we will just not take the extra bit of sample and any samples left after your tests will not be used for research.

## Why should I help?

By giving your samples to CellBank you will be helping with research into the causes and treatment of leukaemia and other similar illnesses.

## What should I do now?

If you want to help then you and your parents or carer can sign the consent form and your samples will be sent to us. You will be given a copy of the consent form to keep. You may want to keep this leaflet. If you don't want to take part you don't need to do anything.