

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 your nurse or doctor or look at the CellBank website. Your parents or carer can also email or phone us.

Thank you for reading this leaflet

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Information Leaflet

for children aged 7 to 11

Hello!

We would like to ask you and your parents if we could have a little bit extra blood, bone marrow and spinal fluid when the doctors take some for your tests.

We will use them to find out why children get leukaemia and other similar illnesses and to find new ways to treat them.



What is CellBank?

CellBank is like a piggy bank but we keep bone marrow and blood samples in it instead of money. Scientists can ask us if they can have some of the samples so that they can try to find out why children get leukaemia and other similar illnesses and how to make the treatment better.

Why have I been chosen?

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

What do you want me to do?

If you say yes, you and your parents or carer will be given a form to sign. You will be given a copy to keep. We would like to take a little bit more of the samples that the doctors are taking for your tests each time you have them. If there is any spare sample left after the doctors have done their tests we would like to keep this as well.

We would also like your doctor or nurse to tell us about your illness and your treatment.

Why do you want to take extra samples?

We want to take these extra samples to help find out why children get leukaemia and other similar illnesses and to help improve the treatment.

Who will look after my samples?

CellBank will look after your samples until they can be used in research.

Why do you need my medical details?

We need to know all about your illness and your treatment. This will help us find out more about why children 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 who the samples belong to.

Why should I help?

We are asking you to help so that we can help other children with the same illness in the future.

What should I do now?

If you want to help us then you and your parents or carer can sign the consent form and your samples will be sent to us. If you don't want to take part then you don't need to do anything.