

# **Tayside Tissue Bank**

## **University of Dundee and NHS Tayside**

Requests for use of tissue samples are made by application completed and authorised by the senior investigator and must include a pathologist as a co-applicant. (Requests from within the University of Dundee, or NHS Tayside, require a grant number or departmental cost centre code).

The Tayside Tissue Bank Committee, a sub group of the Local Ethics Committee, consists of 15 members, including Surgeons, Physicians, Pathologists, Scientists and the Medical Advisor to the Hospital Ethics Committee. Projects are vetted by the committee and final approval is made by the Chairperson. The process takes a maximum of four weeks. Approval of projects, subsequent release and use of the tissue samples from the bank is on condition that the Tayside Tissue Bank is acknowledged in any presentation, abstract or publication resulting from the use of the tissue. The Tayside Tissue Bank must also be informed when any paper or abstract resulting from a study is published. If after 12 months from the release of the tissue the Tayside Tissue Bank is not in receipt of any communication regarding the outcome of the project, the investigator will be asked to provide feedback on the investigations carried out on the tissue samples. If there is no response to this request or any of the above conditions are not met, the Tayside Tissue Bank reserves the right to refuse the supply of further tissue to a requestor.

## **Other UK Universities and collaborative projects with other organisations**

Approval for projects from Universities and outside Dundee and collaborative studies with other organisations will be subject to the same local procedures and conditions as described above. However final approval will be made jointly by the Chairperson of the Tayside Tissue Bank Committee and the surgeon or pathologist who initially provided the tissue sample.

(Note: 25% of the banked aliquots from each tissue sample are reserved for the providing surgeon or pathologist. Some tissue held by the Tayside Tissue Bank will not be generally available e.g. tissue collected for a specific project or tissue that has had a great deal of work undertaken on it and of which there is little left, or tissue of which there is only a very small quantity in the first place)

*Extract from David Kellock  
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