

Research Ethics Committee



The Taking of Blood Samples - Information Sheet and Consent Form

Information

1. Blood samples from staff or students must be taken only when the Head of School (or authorised Head of Department) has agreed that they are essential for teaching or research purposes. The Area Safety Officer must be informed and be satisfied that a suitable procedure for the safe handling, processing and storage of the samples is proposed. The Biological Safety Officer may be consulted for further information.
2. No individual, whether staff or student will be put under any pressure to agree to provide a blood sample. The Consent Form below must be signed by a provider of the sample(s) before the sample(s) is (are) taken. The provider may withdraw his/her willingness to provide a sample at any time.
3. The Head of School (or authorised Head of Department) and member of staff concerned are responsible for the safety of the procedure. Venous blood samples will be taken only by a) medically qualified staff, b) an approved member of staff following attendance and assessment on an accredited course or c) a member of staff who has been assessed by an approved trainer.

Consent Form

I have read the Information Sheet and been told the reasons why a blood sample is required. I consent to: **(delete 1 or 2)**

- (1) a single blood sample being taken
- (2) a series of blood samples being taken

Name Signature

Witnessed by:

Name Signature

Date

(This form is to be retained by the Head of School or authorised Head of Department.
A copy should be made available to the person providing the sample(s) if he or she wishes)