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ETHICS AND
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MEMBERS

Do you have the interest and time to play a part in a key project for the future health of Britain?

The UK Biobank (www.ukbiobank.ac.uk) is collecting information and samples from half a million people to build a resource for future research to improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness and the promotion of health. It is funded by the Wellcome Trust, the Medical Research Council, the Department of Health, the Scottish Government and the Northwest Regional Development Agency.

The independent Ethics and Governance Council (www.egcukbiobank.ac.uk) advises the UK Biobank Board of Directors and reports publicly on the conformance of UK Biobank with the project's Ethics and Governance Framework and the interests of participants and the public.

We are looking for at least three Members for the Council who have significant expertise in one or more of the following priority areas: information security systems, epidemiological study design and biomarkers, public involvement, corporate social responsibility or public policy. We will also consider applications from individuals with expertise in bioethics, philosophy, biomedical science, law, medical research, social science, health care or public health. In all cases, it is likely you will already have senior level experience on advisory or decision making bodies acting on behalf of the public.

You will have excellent judgement, outstanding analytical skills and an ability to address complex issues collaboratively.

The Council currently meets up to four times a year and commits time between meetings to review documents. The next Council meeting will take place on 8 December 2008. In addition the Council hosts around two public meetings a year where it reports on its activities and invites questions. Your expenses and an attendance fee will be paid.

If you are interested in applying for these positions, please email s.matthew@wellcome.ac.uk for an information pack. The deadline for applications is 24 September 2008.

Interviews will take place on 5 and 6 November 2008.

We welcome applications from all sectors of the community.

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