

UK BIOBANK ETHICS AND GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

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 a long term project to build a resource for 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, the Northwest Regional Development Agency, the Welsh Assembly Government and the British Heart Foundation.

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

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

You will have excellent judgement, outstanding analytical skills and an ability to address complex issues in a collaborative way.

The Council currently meets up to four times a year and in addition hosts at least one public meeting a year where it reports on its activities and invites questions. Your expenses and an attendance fee will be paid. Members also commit time between meetings to review documents and undertake subgroup activities. The term of appointment is for up to four years.

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 1 December. Interviews will take place on 20 and 21 January 2011.

We welcome applications from all sectors of the community.