

**PATIENT INVITATION LETTER (>= 16 YEARS OLD)**

**King's College Denmark Hill Haematology Biobank (KCDHH):** the collection and storage of blood and tissue for use in research studies into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of blood and bone marrow disorders

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We would like to invite you to take part in KCDHH Biobank which collects and stores tissue samples donated by patients so that they can be used for research into blood disorders.

You have been referred for tests that involve a bone marrow, blood or lymph tissue biopsy to help decide whether or not you have a blood disorder. Alternatively, you may have already been diagnosed with a blood disorder but require follow-up tests. We would like to ask your permission to collect and store additional or surplus samples from the test procedure which will be used for research.

You will receive an information sheet which describes in more detail what the DHH Biobank is about together with this letter. Please take time to read the leaflet. If you have questions about any aspect of the study your consultant would be happy to answer them. Taking part in the Biobank is entirely voluntary, and your future treatment will not be affected by your decision. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and information sheet.

Yours sincerely,

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