Hello...

We would like to ask you and your family if we could take a little bit of your tumour/lump/bone marrow** and some extra blood when the doctors take some for your tests. We will keep these safely in our Tissue Bank and use them to try and find new ways to get children who are poorly like you, better.

www.cclg.org.uk/tissue-bank
What is a Tissue Bank?
A Tissue Bank is a bit like a ‘special bank’, but instead of collecting money we collect a little bit of frozen blood or tumour/lump/bone-marrow** given by children with lumps/tumours** and who are poorly like you. These are kept in a special place. Scientists then ask us for some of these so they can look at them and see if they can find out more about why children get poorly and to try and make better medicines.

Why are you asking me?
We are asking all the children in the country who have the same illness as you if they mind giving us some of the samples which your doctors don’t need anymore.

What do I have to do?
We are asking you to say ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ to the question ‘Can we keep some or your blood and tumour/lump/bone-marrow** for scientists to use to do research?’

Do I have to say yes?
No you don’t. If you decide to say no, nobody will mind and your treatment will still be the same. If you say ‘yes’ now, but decide when you’re older that you don’t want your blood or tumour/lump/bone marrow** to be used for research, then just tell your doctor. Any samples which are left will be thrown away.

What do I do now?
Talk with your family about what you are being asked to do. The doctors and nurses would also be happy to help you if you would like to talk to them.

Thank you for reading this leaflet

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