Patient Information Leaflet
For the collection and storage of tissue for research
(8-11 years)

What is CCLG?

The Children’s Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG) is a group of doctors and scientists who are working to find out why children get tumours and how to make them better.

We would like to ask you if we can keep samples of your blood, bone marrow or tumour lump (if you have one) to help with research.

www.cclg.org.uk/tissue-bank
**Why do we need your help?**
Research is done to find out more about something. Medical research means doing special tests to find out new things. To do this the scientists need small (grape sized) samples from children who have a tumour so that they can find out more about why children get tumours and also make the treatment better. The CCLG Tissue Bank stores these samples for researchers to use.

**Will I need extra tests?**
No. The samples will be little pieces of tissue left over from when you have had operations or biopsies, when the doctors looking after you have finished with them. We may need a blood sample (small teaspoon) but this would be taken with your permission at the same time as your treatment so you would not need an extra blood test.

**Do I have to take part?**
No you don’t. It’s up to you to decide if you want to give tissue to the CCLG. You can change your mind at any time and the samples will be destroyed. If you decide to say no, nobody will mind and your treatment will still be the same.
What will happen if I say yes?
One of your doctors or nurses will ask you to sign a consent form. You may want your mum or dad to help you with this, or if you prefer they can sign for you. Your tissue samples will be stored in the CCLG Tissue Bank in Newcastle. All researchers wanting to use these samples must apply to a special committee who make sure it is good research which could help children with tumours in the future. They must get permission before they are allowed to use the samples.

Will the information about me be kept secret?
All the information that we collect about you will be kept secret. Your samples will be given a special number so no-one knows who they belong to.

What happens if I change my mind?
You can change your mind at any time. Any tissue samples that are left will be destroyed, and information about you deleted from the database. Samples which have already been used for research have no information that can identify you. If you do change your mind please ask your parents to let your doctor know or contact the CCLG.
If you have any questions or worries about the information in this leaflet or anything else, please speak to one of your nurses or doctors, or contact the CCLG Tissue Bank at:

www.cclg.org.uk/tissue-bank or
email: cclgtissuebank@le.ac.uk

Thank you for reading this leaflet