

NIHR BioResource Centre Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham - Centre for Rare Diseases is part of the NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) BioResource network. The BioResource team will be led by Dr Graham Lipkin, Humeira Hafsa (Clinical Trial Coordinator) and Farfia Capper (Senior Research Sister)

The NIHR BioResource for Translational Research in Common and Rare Diseases is a national resource of samples collected from patients and members of the public who have volunteered to be recalled for research, based on their genotype and phenotype. Within the QEHB, we have multiple rare disease clinics that we are able to recruit from, the team have close collaborations and are able to closely link with the clinicians to help support the project and engage with the patients. We are currently looking at rare conditions such as Bardet Biedl, Cutaneous Lymphoma, Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis and Sjogrens.

The NIHR BioResource aims to provide researchers with unprecedented access to highly characterized patients with rare diseases. Patients and the public can volunteer to provide a DNA sample and information about their health, lifestyle and family history. Following genomic and phenotypic characterization, specific individuals can be recalled, on a national basis, to participate in both academic and industry-led early translational (experimental medicine) research studies.

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