Our prime objective

- As many researchers using the resource as possible;
  while
- Protecting the privacy and respecting the wishes of the participants
- Protecting the integrity and reputation of UK BioBank
The resource is available to

- “bona fide researchers”
- “Health related research in the public interest”
Requests for Data vs. samples

• **Data are non-depletable** – permit unless a positive reason to refuse

• **Samples are depletable** – refuse unless persuasive reason to permit
In considering sample access requests:

- Highest scientific excellence
- Very important medical/health question addressed
- Utilizes the prospective nature of the cohort – not just a convenient source of ascertained cases
  - Preferably produces new information on a sizeable fraction of the cohort, to be incorporated into the resource for other users