

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”**
- **for**
- **“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**