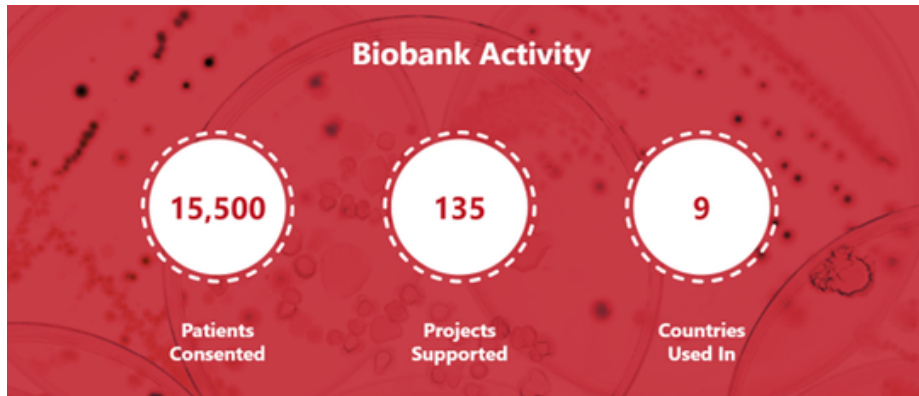




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Overcoming the Pandemic Odds

Biobanking and cancer research relies on patient contact so we can explain what we are supporting and how you can help. Restrictions on attending clinics and social distancing meant we couldn't see your lovely faces so we had to pick up the phone!

Throughout the pandemic we managed to keep some of our research going by reaching for the telephone and speaking with you in the comfort of your own homes.

Once again, our patients were amazingly supportive and you welcomed this initiative - even taking the extra time to ensure the paperwork was posted back to us.

We love talking to you face to face though so give us a wave if you see us in your clinic!



I am a Patient

Can You Help WCB Improve the Patient Voice?

You may remember generously consenting to allow the Wales Cancer Biobank to collect samples and data from your cancer diagnosis and/or treatment to store for future use in cancer related research.

At Wales Cancer Biobank we are very appreciative of your support and wish to make the best use of your valuable donation of samples to ensure that cancer research develops the best future for patients diagnosed with cancer in Wales and beyond.

We are very keen to expand this area of research to understand more about the cancer journey for patients over a longer period and to engage in the impact of a cancer diagnosis in the long term. As well as this we would really like to hear from individuals who have kindly donated samples to help us steer the direction of future research.

We are supported by a small but excellent patient group but expanding the patient voice remains crucially important to us and the researchers with whom we work. With that in mind we would be very grateful if you could answer a short questionnaire by clicking on the link below. The questionnaire has 8 simple questions, and it should take you no more than 5 minutes to complete. The survey will close on 16th October 2022 so please complete before this date.

An ethics committee has reviewed and approved the survey and by clicking on the link and completing the survey you consent to the Wales Cancer Biobank collecting the data you provide when answering the questions.

Cardiff University (as WCB's host institution) will be the data controller under the General Data Protection Regulation and all responses will be kept securely in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.

[Go to Survey](#)



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Spotlight on Research

Understanding COVID immunity in Cancer Patients

The first dose of COVID-19 vaccine was offered to cancer patients at Velindre Cancer Centre in January 2021. Since cancer, and cancer treatments, can impact negatively on the immune system, it wasn't known how the vaccination would affect immune responses in cancer patients.

Read more about the important research performed by Prof. Awen Gallimore and her research team at Cardiff University by [clicking here](#)



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We've used the pandemic break to create some short, informative animations which can now be found on our very own YouTube channel!

Click on the YouTube logo above to go directly to our channel