



WALES CANCER BIOBANK
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Biobank Activity

16,681

**Patients
Consented**

155

**Projects
Supported**

9

**Countries
Used In**

Meet Our Staff

WCB is blessed with a talented and dedicated team and this Spring sees the launch of our new 'Meet the Staff' vlog. We want to celebrate our staff, as well as give you an insight into the daily workings of the biobank.

First up, we have our UHW-based lab technician, Paola Foulkes. We'd be lost without her technical and organisational skills - keeping our sample processing and pathology data collection running efficiently.

Follow the link below to watch Paola's profile video via our WCB YouTube channel

[**Watch Paola's Video**](#)



I am a Patient

Can You Help WCB Improve the Patient Voice?

Yet another HUGE thank you to all our wonderful patients who took the time to complete our 2nd patient survey - this time, all about the consenting process for biobanking!

We had just short of 100 valuable responses and we'd love to share some snippets of what we found:

- 93% felt that a biobanking specific consent was not necessary
- 58% agreed that surplus samples should be made routinely available for research
- An overwhelming 88% did NOT want to decide which research projects their samples and/or data would be used for

Below are a couple of heartfelt comments direct from our patients:

"I'm glad they're able to use my tissue in whatever way is necessary"

"Just such a simple way to advance our knowledge and should be supported at all levels, by all parties"

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.



WCB is proud to announce that 3 team members have now passed the ASCP Qualification in Biorepository Science (QBRS)

Spotlight on Research

Using Wales Cancer Biobank to Support my Research

Dr Stephanie Burnell is a researcher supported by the Wales Cancer Research Centre and is closely aligned with the recently launched Cancer Research Strategy for Wales (CReST).



Dr Burnell uses a model system called organoids, which she develops from tumour tissue donated by patients, to study the interaction between colorectal cancer and the immune system.

Click below to read Dr Burnell's testimonial about working with WCB

[Read About Dr Burnell](#)