

Consent – Professor Rory Collins

Hello, my name is Professor Rory Collins, and I am the Principal Investigator of UK Biobank. The UK Biobank Imaging Assessment will gather lots more information about you, in addition to the valuable details you provided when you joined the project some years ago.

As with your original assessment, UK Biobank needs your permission to undertake this further collection of important information, and to collect small samples of blood, urine and saliva again. All of this material will help scientists undertake health research for many years to come.

The consent process takes place at the UK Biobank assessment centre. You will be asked to agree that you have read and understood what it is we propose, and that you understand that you may withdraw from UK Biobank at any time.

We make it clear that these scans are for research purposes only; they will not be routinely examined by medical staff. As with the other tests done by UK Biobank, we will not routinely feed back the results from your scans. We do, however, ask for your permission to contact you and your GP if a potentially serious abnormality is found on a scan, by which we mean, one that may threaten life span, quality of life or major body functions.

However, because the scans are being done for later research, they are not checked in the same way as a scan that might be done for medical care. So if UK Biobank does not contact you about a potentially serious abnormality, this does not imply that no abnormality exists. It simply means that no such abnormality was noticed.

The scan data will be stored for many years to come. During this time they will be available for bona fide health research that is in the public good. It is not possible to



tell you now what types of studies may be carried out in future, as research techniques will change and improve in ways that we can only guess at. UK Biobank will keep the information it has about you safe and secure, and we will not provide data to scientists that will identify you. We will, however, keep you informed about new findings from the resource that may benefit the health of the public.

Information that you have already provided, or that UK Biobank has collected about you, is now helping researchers. We understand that without your help and support, UK Biobank would not be able to do any of this exciting and pioneering research. I am grateful to you for your interest in this study and for allowing us to develop a major health research resource, open to researchers from around the world, which will improve the health of future generations.