

#### Biobank Showcase



Building public confidence in sharing tissue and data for research

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# Joint HRA/HTA public dialogue to understand better what and how we should ask consent for sharing patient data to be linked with donated tissue





# The Health Research Authority (HRA)

To protect patients in health research Approve health research studies

# The Human Tissue Authority (HTA)

Provides guidance and sets standards for the removal, storage, and use of human tissue and organs

#### **Sciencewise**

Ipsos MORI team
Improvisers
Experts
Independent Evaluator



## Talking to the public

- General public invited to attend two deliberative workshops
- 3 locations across England
- 25 people in each group
- Members of general public recruited in the street according to a quota
- Experts invited to debate issues with the public

### Context

- Tissue of little value without patient data
- Lack of adequate consent at time that tissue sample is taken
- Lack of adequate guidance on consent for sharing future patient data in relation to tissue
- What happens when tissue becomes data?



# The big question

How should researchers seek permission to link patient data with human tissue for health-related research?

- What is the most <u>trustworthy</u> way?
- What are the <u>best</u> ways, to reduce delays and extra costs?
- What exactly do people 'consent' to?



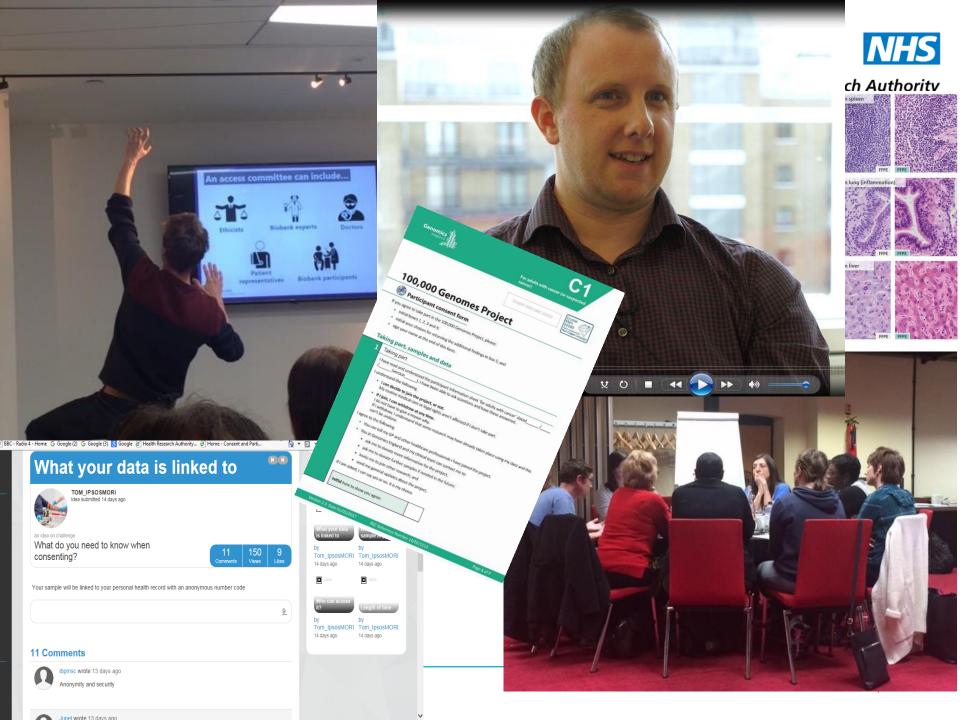
#### Three areas of discussion

Biobanks & broad consent

Genomics England consent



Dynamic consent



#### Some early findings

- Public support the notion of data sharing with tissue donation for research. They clearly understand the public benefit but have some concerns about commercial gain.
- Public are in the main supportive of research, and welcome opportunities for their genetic data to be used.
- Public support consent for unlimited future use of data as well as past

- Would like to have ability to opt out of consent for some types of research or researchers
- Room for improvement for current consent forms and need to ensure greater clarity
- Support for notion of dynamic consent but appreciate the costs of setting up
- Strong views on the access committee



### An access committee can include...







**Doctors** 



Patient representatives



**Biobank participants** 



#### How will we use the results

- Results of public debate will feed into joint HRA/HTA guidance on consent for sharing patient data linked to tissue
- Inform the work of Genomics England
- Building on work already carried out by Wellcome and others on patient data



#### Thank you

Any questions?

Please send comments suggestions to amanda.hunn@nhs.net

