**Acknowledging Human Sample Resources in   
Researchfish submissions**: Guidance for researchers

## Researchfish

The Researchfish platform is used by over 100 funders to capture the outcomes, outputs and impact of research they fund. If you report via Researchfish and have used human tissue from a Human Sample Resource, this can be recorded in your Researchfish submission.

The 2020 Researchfish submission period is 3 February to 12 March 2020.

## What is a Human Sample Resource?

Human Sample Resource refers to any organisation that holds or has the ability to collect and distribute human samples. This encompasses biobanks, bioresources, cohorts, biorepositories and research tissue banks.

## Why is this important?

* **Funding** - Acknowledging the use of Human Sample Resources in research is crucial in ensuring continued funding for these resources.
* **Impact** – Reporting on Researchfish could support Human Sample Resources in evidencing their impact to funders.
* **Transparency -** Recording use of a Human Sample Resource supports a sector-wide drive to increase transparency throughout the research process. Read more from the   
  [UKCRC Tissue Directory and Coordination C](https://biobankinguk.org/transparency-principles/)entre and the [Health Research A](https://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/what-we-do/our-transparency-agenda/)uthority.

## How to acknowledge use of a Human Sample Resource

1. On your Researchfish submission, navigate to **‘Use of Facilities & Resources’**.
2. Select the **‘Add new entry’** box on right of the screen.
3. Complete the following questions:

Box 1 – Access to tissue/data from [insert name of Human Sample Resource]

Box 2 – [insert name of Human Sample Resource]

Box 3 – Access to human tissue samples and associated data

*Box 4, 5, 6 - optional*