About the tissue bank

The Human Research Tissue Bank (HRTB) which includes the Cambridge Brain Bank (CBB), is funded by the Biomedical Research Centre (BRC). It is housed within the Department of Histopathology at Addenbrooke’s Hospital, as its procedures require it to work closely with the medical and non medical staff within the department. It offers a wide range of services for translational research and drug discovery purposes. High quality processing and storage of tissue samples underpins high quality research and the expert specialist pathologists and well-trained and experienced biomedical scientists select and prepare well-characterised material to the highest standards.

The Tissue Bank is licensed by the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) and accredited by Clinical Pathology Accreditation (CPA). The facility routinely supplies a wide range of human material for cellular and molecular phenotyping to a variety of BRC themes, including Cancer, as well as to University researchers, quality assurance schemes, clinical trials and commercial companies.

The Human Research Tissue Bank Management Committee oversee the management of tissue bank activities. It ensures compliance with Trust and HTA governance procedures, and regularly invites researchers to feedback on their experience of tissue bank. Committee membership and terms of reference can be downloaded below.

We operate Monday to Friday 8.30am-6.30pm