

Onboarding for Disabled Volunteers

Intro

- Meet our team that will be supporting you.
- Learn about the BioResource's mission and values.
- Discuss the importance of your role in health research.

1. Accessibility and Onboarding

- We are committed to providing a comfortable and inclusive environment for all volunteers.
- Please do share any specific accessibility needs or accommodation requests with our team.
- The BioResource recognises the barriers to participation for disabled people within a medical context and aims to address these barriers.

2. Volunteer Appointment

- Schedule your volunteering appointment based on your availability.
- Ensure your appointment time meets your needs and accommodates your disability.

3. Feedback and Improvements

- Provide feedback on your onboarding experience.
- Suggest improvements and adjustments.
- We are committed to continuous improvement in our research volunteer programme.

4. Safety and Ethics

- Understand our safety measures and ethical health research standards.
- Report any concerns or incidents immediately.

5. Communication

- Stay connected with our research team via email, phone, or in-person, as preferred.
- Let us know how we can best communicate with you.

6. Your Impact

- Understand the impact of your contributions to health research.
- Recognise your vital role in making a difference in the field of health research.

Contact Information

- Website: <https://bioresource.nihr.ac.uk>
- Email: nbr@bioresource.nihr.ac.uk



Dear Valued Participant,

Thank you for expressing your interest in joining the NIHR BioResource. We appreciate your willingness to contribute to health research. Your unique perspective and insights are crucial to ensuring that our panel of volunteers reflect the diversity of the UK population, and therefore health research. To get started, we kindly request your cooperation in the following steps:

- Kindly take a moment to review and sign the consent form, showing your willingness to participate.
- We ask that you provide your personal information, including your name, date of birth, NHS/CHI number, and contact details.
- Your data is anonymised, personal details kept separate from other information, and stored in a secure data centre.
- Complete a questionnaire about your health and lifestyle. Your input helps researchers understand how genetics and environment affect health.
- Grant us permission to collect, store, and analyse health-related information about you. This may involve accessing your medical records, other health-related records, and, if necessary, educational and social care records from sources like NHS Digital and other databases. We are fully committed to handling all health information with the utmost sensitivity and adhere to the strictest regulations, guidelines and best practices for doing so.

Contact Information

- Provide a small sample of either blood (approximately 3-4 teaspoons) at an appointment at one of our 18 centres across England, or saliva via post.

In the future, you may be invited to provide additional samples for ongoing research. Rest assured, we will make necessary accommodations to ensure your comfort during this process.

- Agree to be contacted in the future regarding potential participation in research studies, including clinical trials. Your individual circumstances will be taken into account, and we will only reach out if we believe you are a suitable candidate. Remember, there is absolutely no obligation to participate, and your decision will be respected. We will also ensure that you are compensated for any travel expenses when required, acknowledging the potential additional barriers faced by disabled individuals. Please note that some research may not require further involvement from you, as the samples and data you provide may be sufficient.
- You may choose to withdraw from the BioResource at any time. This process is simple and straightforward, requiring only a phone call or email to our team.

We genuinely value your contributions as a participant with disabilities. You are a vital part of our research community, and we are dedicated to providing a supportive and inclusive environment throughout this journey.

Thank you for your participation and for making a difference in the world of research.

- Website: <https://bioresource.nihr.ac.uk>
- Email: nbr@bioresource.nihr.ac.uk

Follow us on Twitter @NIHRBioResource and on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/nihr-bioresource>