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Human Tissue Authority

**Workshop on Ethics and
Governance in Cancer Biobanking**

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Regulation of Human Research Biobanks by the HTA

REMEMBER!

- The HTA regulates under the Human Tissue Act and European legislation
- We have limited room for manoeuvre BUT interpret pragmatically within the law

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Regulatory ethos and style:

- To apply the Better Regulation principles
- Flexible approach

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Impact of regulation on research

- Phew! Feedback continues to be positive!
- Quality has improved
- No known constraints on research – at least from our perspective
- Continue to regulate pragmatically

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Impact of regulation on research

The initial anxiety of researchers about the Human Tissue Act has not been borne out, largely due to the HTA's responsible and inclusive implementation of the legislation. Many of the procedures the HTA has implemented have had the effect of driving up standards in research governance. This has been reflected in the positive comments I have received from MRC staff and grant holders.

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Overlap and duplication:

- Avoid at all costs!
- Work with other regulators and government
- Your role is to.....

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HTA Update

- Summary Inspection Reports
- New fee structure
- Revised Codes of Practice
- Europe!
- ATMPs – Gene Therapy Medicinal Products: watch this space!



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