

onCore UK Quality Statement

The Board of Trustees and the staff of onCore UK attach great importance to the quality standards of the charity operations. onCore UK has worked and continues to work to develop and maintain Quality Standards that conform to the requirements of the appropriate Biobanking Standards and Best Practices, so that the organisation can provide and maintain a consistent high quality in all activities.

The following standards and best practices have been consulted, and where appropriate to the organisation, have been implemented, in the development of a Quality Management system for onCore UK.

- ISO 9001- Quality Management System Requirements
- OECD Best Practice Guidelines for Biological Resource Centres
- ISBER Best Practices for Repositories
- NCI Best Practices for Biospecimen Resources
- WHO IARC Common Minimum Standards and Protocols for BRCs for Cancer Research
- French Standard NFS 96-900 - Quality of Biological Resource Centres (BRCs), Management System of a BRC and Quality of Biological Resources from Human and Micro-organism Origin
- Human Tissue Act 2004

This Quality Management System will ensure that proper security, communications, operating procedures and records are generated and maintained for all IT, Quality and Operational areas of the organisation, as a means of achieving onCore UK's objectives, defined in our Quality Policy.

Having developed this Quality Management system, onCore UK aims to maintain the highest standards of performance by continuously analysing strengths and weaknesses within the system and throughout the organisation.

We also aim to share our knowledge and work with other biobanks, for example through the NCRI Confederation of Cancer Biobanks, towards a mutual recognition of best-practices.

Signed:



Date:

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Chief Executive Officer