Lay Member of the Human Material Oversight Committee

We are looking for people interested in research to join the University’s Human Material Oversight Committee in a voluntary capacity and offer their experience and enthusiasm to help ensure our research practices meet recognised best practice and comply with legislation relating to the use of Human Material in research.

The role:
The Human Material Oversight Committee has oversight of governance matters relating to the collection, storage and use of relevant human material across the University under the provisions of the University Human Tissue Authority Research Licence. It meets three times per year and comprises both academic and volunteer lay members. It is responsible for:

i) monitoring compliance by members of the University with internal policies/procedures and external regulations/legislation relating to governance of relevant human material;

ii) monitoring, reviewing, and where necessary, updating policies and procedures relating to governance of the collection, storage and use of relevant human material;

iii) providing assistance and guidance to each Faculty to ensure that appropriate mechanisms and structures are developed at Faculty level for the effective management of governance of the collection, storage and use of relevant human material;

iv) promoting best practice and encouraging consistency in matters of governance of relevant human material across the University;

v) overseeing audits within the University to assess compliance with governance policies and procedures relating to relevant human material;

vi) managing governance audits or inspections of the University by external bodies, e.g. HTA, in relation to relevant human material.

Who are we looking for?
Human Material Oversight Committee members are drawn from a wide variety of backgrounds. We are particularly interested in identifying suitably qualified and experienced people with career backgrounds in research, the NHS, and the legal profession, but people from outside these fields should not be deterred from applying. Individuals will have the ability to make balanced judgments and will contribute to the oversight of the collection, storage and use of relevant human material across the University. Induction and appropriate training for the role will be provided.

Applicants should be independent of the University, and have had no affiliation with the University during the previous three years. Membership of this Committee brings with it a duty of confidentiality to the University.
Why should you apply?
The University of Liverpool is a member of the Russell Group of leading UK research universities with a strong reputation for the advancement of learning and ennoblement of life.

Through this role you will:

- have the opportunity to bring a wide range of skills to help promote best practice and encourage consistency in matters of governance of relevant human material across the University;
- play an important role in the development of the policies and procedures relating to governance of the collection, storage and use of relevant human material;
- play a part in ensuring that our research practices meet recognised best practice and comply with legislation relating to the use of Human Material in research.

Informal enquiries about the role of Lay Member of the Human Material Oversight Committee should be directed to Dr Janet Risk, j.m.risk@liverpool.ac.uk or 0151 794 8822. Formal expressions of interest should be sent to Humanmaterial@liverpool.ac.uk along with a Curriculum Vitae and a brief personal statement.

The closing date for expressions of interest is Friday 23 February 2018