



Aberdeen University Dementia Brain Bank at Foresterhill, Aberdeen.

The Aberdeen University Dementia Brain Bank enables tissue to be retrieved, stored and made available for respectful and ethical use in research in accordance with guidelines established by the Medical Research Council and the Royal College of Pathologists.

Donation, retention and use of tissue is governed by the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006, which lays down clear guidelines for this, to which the Aberdeen University Dementia Brain Bank adheres.

The use of human brain tissue has been of vital importance in developing the knowledge and understanding of dementia over the last 12 years. The Brain Bank in Aberdeen was set up in 1999 at public request and supported early work by Professor Wischik into Alzheimer's disease.

Improvements in the understanding and knowledge of the features underlying dementia help to develop research into appropriate treatments, and therefore tissue research has a key role to play in helping doctors support people with dementia to lead a full life.

Who can donate?

Donations are welcomed not only from individuals who have had a diagnosis of dementia, but also from people who do not have dementia. This enables controlled and comparative research to be conducted.

How can a donation be made?

More detailed information on donation is available on request. Please contact ishbel.gall@nhs.net or telephone 01224 553704.

All potential donors are advised to discuss their wishes with other family members prior to signing any forms consenting to donation. Donation does not delay funeral arrangements and does not involve additional expense.