# SHARE: standard methodology for research ethics applications: ethical sampling and storage of human remains

**Human remains, sampling and storage**

Samples: This project uses small fragments of human bone appx. [weight in grams] in weight. Samples are cut from [give source of samples and who has given permission for samples to be taken].

Material is currently stored in the Human Remains Store in the basement of the John Percival building (Cardiff University) and will be studied and sampled on site (in the Bioarchaeology lab, 2.27a and/or the Human Osteoarchaeology lab, JP 4.16 and/or the Biomolecular Archaeology lab, JP 3.04).

Whole human bones will not be brought to Cardiff University, as all of the samples are cut from the bone on location OR While they are being held at Cardiff University, the human remains will be stored in the Human Remains Store in the basement of the John Percival building [delete as applicable].

Storage: Samples will be stored in the Bioarchaeology lab, 2.27 and/or the Human Osteoarchaeology lab, JP 4.16 and/or the Biomolecular Archaeology lab, JP 3.04, located in the John Percival building (depending on their state of analysis in a space dedicated to human remains storage, away from the usual common workspace, in compliance with the Best Practice Guidelines for Human Remains Store (DCMS 2.6). All fragments of human bone will be stored in one box, as it would be inappropriate to store them individually since they are so small (CoE Annex S7:268). Any fragments not being embedded, chemically prepared or analysed will be stored in human remains store located in the basement of the John Percival building. All samples will be stored in containers clearly labelled with site code and sample number.

There will be no osteological material remaining after this analysis, so there will be nothing that needs to be returned to the stores that they were taken from.

All human remains samples will be treated with utmost respect and care and to ensure preservation of the osteoarchaeological record to the highest achievable standards in keeping with Cardiff University’s mission to “pursue research, learning and teaching of international distinction and impact” (School of History, Archaeology and Religion, Cardiff University Policy for the Care, Treatment and Storage of Archaeological Human Remains: viii. Types of Human Remains curated by the School).