

**Picking Operatives (x 3)**  
**Temporary positions 3- 6 months**

**Working hours 37.5 per week, 5 days per week Monday to Friday. Shifts run between 09.00 and 17:00**  
**NIHR-National Biosample Centre ("UK Biocentre"), Milton Keynes**  
**Starting Salary - £8.50ph**

**The Organisation**

The National Biosample Centre was established in Milton Keynes in 2015 by the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) as part of a national infrastructure to support UK Biomedical Sciences in the academic and commercial sector. It offers a suite of services to researchers involved in studies that collect and process samples from human subjects. These services enable existing studies to be undertaken more effectively and the scale of its operation enables new studies to begin that were not previously feasible or affordable. Having established its core infrastructure, NIHR-NBC is expanding the range of services it offers to the biomedical community.

**The Role**

UK Biocentre Ltd is looking for individuals who have good attention to detail as well as organisational skills. Under the supervision of the Principal Scientist the picking operatives will assist in house projects as well as all samples held with a goal of optimising the use of our manual and automated biostores. As a picking operative you will perform a variety of tasks, which includes but is not limited to manual and automated storage and retrieval of biological samples, sample data management using in house software applications and ensuring working and storage areas are kept clean, neat and well organised. In addition to this you will be trained on how to operate and maintain sample storage systems, both manual and automated, as well as understanding the importance of complying with appropriate standard operating procedures and quality management systems.

**To succeed in this role you will need to have the following, skills, traits and knowledge:**

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**

1. Previous work experience.
2. GCSE English, Maths and Science.
3. IT literate with competency in MS Office; particularly MS Excel.
4. The ability to work with minimal supervision as well as part of a small team.
5. Time-management and organisational skills with excellent attention to detail.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA**

1. Experience in working with automated storage systems.
2. Experience in working with data tracking system.
3. Experience in working with databases

To apply for this position please send your CV and a covering letter to [recruitment@ukbiocentre.com](mailto:recruitment@ukbiocentre.com) by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August by 17:00pm.**

For further information about NIHR NBC see [www.biocentre.com](http://www.biocentre.com).

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