

## Critics urge caution over UK genome project call for volunteers

A radical medical project that aims to recruit 100,000 Britons who are willing to share their genetic and health information with researchers and the wider public launches on Thursday.

The Personal Genome Project UK (PGP-UK) is the first in the country to work on the basis of “open consent”, which means that all medical information attached to a person’s record will be made available for anyone to see online.

The project is controversial because while people’s names and addresses will not appear on their records as standard, potential participants are warned explicitly that they could easily be identified and that their privacy cannot be guaranteed.

**Read the full, original story here: [Critics urge caution as UK genome project hunts for volunteers](#)**

Additional Resources:

- [“U.K. Researchers Launch Open-Access Genomes Project,”](#) Science
- [“Massive DNA volunteer hunt begins,”](#) BBC News
- [Personal Genome Project UK](#)