



PRESS RELEASE

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- Wasps Legends donate £2,500 to Action for A-T
- Donation will support the cost of Oxygen Enhanced MRI scans for A-T patients

Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation, the past players network of Wasps, men and women, amateur and professional announced today that they have issued a small grant award of £2,500 to Action for A-T.

Action for A-T was established in 2012 by parents whose daughter was diagnosed with the rare neurological condition named Ataxia Telangiectasia (A-T), where swallowing and muscle coordination fails due to brain disease and the immune system does not work. Survival has not improved since the 1950s and approximately half of patients die before their 20th birthday, mainly from respiratory failure. The charity's mission is simple, they aim to speed up the process of identifying a cure for A-T or treatments that delay or prevent the disabling effects of this devastating childhood condition. They do this by seeking and funding high quality peer-reviewed medical research both in the UK and around the world.

The donation will support work being undertaken at Nottingham University Hospital, which aims to measure the lung health in A-T patients. This involves a relatively simple process for able-bodied patients but due to various respiratory issues associated with the condition, monitoring lung health in A-T patients is a lot more complicated.

Sean Kelly of Action for A-T said of the donation: "We are so grateful for the generous support of the Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation. Their donation totaling £2,500 is a significant amount for our small charity which will help us in our quest to find a cure or therapy for A-T. The funds will be committed to our IMAGIN-A-T project at the Nottingham University Hospital to help cover the cost of the Oxygen Enhanced MRI scans which will be administered to 25 children with A-T."

Genevieve Glover, Chair of Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation said of the announcement: "We are very pleased to be supporting Action for A-T with a small grant donation. Ataxia Telangiectasia (A-T) is a progressive inherited condition and the research that is being carried out to enhance survival rates within patients is essential to help the children and their families with such a rare condition."

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Notes to editor

Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation

Wasps Legends was founded in 2005 with the aim of bringing pack past players; men and women, amateur and professional to raise funds for their chosen charities. In 2012, the Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation was established with the aim to raise funds to support a specific project each year that is close to the hearts of the Wasps Legends family.

For more information on the Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation, please call Louise Latter on 07703 438 935 or email loulatter@hotmail.com.

Action for A-T

Action for A-T was established in 2012 by parents whose daughter Evie was diagnosed with a rare neurological condition named Ataxia Telangiectasia (A-T). The charity's mission is simple, we aim to speed up the process of identifying a cure for A-T or treatments that delay or prevent the disabling effects of this devastating childhood condition. We do this by seeking and funding high quality peer-reviewed medical research both in the UK and around the world.

Since 2012, we have invested over £1.2million in 23 A-T related research projects globally and work closely with the best scientific minds to develop new research opportunities. The charity has its own highly qualified multi-disciplinary medical advisory and peer review panel and a grant management process which has led us to achieving a best practice award from the national Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC).

For more information on Action for A-T, please call Sean Kelly on 01428 853 313 or email sean.kelly@actionforAT.org.