



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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- Wasps Legends donate £2,500 to the Brain Tumour Research charity
- Donation will help Brain Tumour Research build a network of experts in sustainable research at dedicated Research Centres of Excellence whilst influencing the Government and larger cancer charities to invest more nationally.

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 the Brain Tumour Research charity.

Brain Tumour Research funds sustainable research at Research Centres of Excellence in the UK; it also campaigns for the Government and the larger cancer charities to invest more in research into brain tumours in order to speed up new treatments for patients and, ultimately, to find a cure. The charity is calling for an annual spend of £35m in order to improve survival rates and patient outcomes in line with other cancers such as breast cancer and leukaemia.

The £2,500 donation award will support the University of Portsmouth Brain Tumour Research Centre of Excellence. It is hoped that the research will bring us closer to a cure for brain tumours which is so desperately needed. The research includes: 1) test repurposed and reformulated drugs as well as new drugs in the first step towards clinical trials; 2) development of the delivery of drugs in the human brain cells; 3) study the environment that brain tumours develop and grow in and investigate how tumours invade the brain; and 4) study the part of tumour cells that produces the energy to grow so they can be targeted to halt growth. The Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation small grant will specifically help to support the Drug Repurposing research.

Andrea Pankiw, Community Fundraising Manager at Brain Tumour Research, said of the grant: "We are extremely grateful for the Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation for its grant which will help us fund the fight against brain tumours.

"Brain tumours are indiscriminate; they can affect anyone at any age. What's more, they kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer, yet historically just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease."

Genevieve Glover, Chair of Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation said of the announcement: "Brain tumours can be a silent killer and the research Brain Tumour Research is undertaking is essential in eventually finding a cure to this disease. Our small grant will hopefully support a small part of the research in how to repurpose existing drugs to help fight against tumours."

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**Notes to editor**

**Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation**

Wasps Legends was founded in 2005 with the aim of bringing back 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.

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