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In support of CRY

I became aware of CRY last year through the England Rugby Shirt raffle and wanted to lend my support to their on-going initiatives to raise awareness of Cardiac Risk in the Young.

Many of us read in the national press of the shock news of the sudden death of a young sports 'star', such as the death of Marc-Vivien Foé (former Manchester City and West Ham footballer) who collapsed and died while playing football for Cameroon last year. However last month a 15 year old club rugby youth player died in similar circumstances.

I now realise that there are many other less publicised tragedies, which could perhaps be averted with intervention at an earlier stage. To learn that between 4 and 8 apparently 'fit and healthy' young people die of undiagnosed heart conditions in the UK is shocking and disturbing.

So I fully support CRY's efforts in raising awareness, screening and testing, researching and supporting for those who have suffered a tragedy, and now CRY's specific focus upon

- The launch of the subsidised screening clinics to facilitate testing for young people who cannot afford to pay the full charges at
 - The Olympic Medical Institute
 - Colchester Hospital
 - Leeds Muffield Hospital
 - Ultrasound Imaging, Edinburgh
 - RJAH Hospital, Cowesby
 - Sandhurst Group Medical Practice, Berkshire

- Earl Taylor's Private members Bill which, if successful will become law and aims to clarify that screening should be made available to both families who have suffered a tragedy and to young people showing recognised signs and symptoms.

With best Wishes

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