

## URGENT: BLOOD TYPE-O LIVING LIVER DONORS NEEDED TO SAVE OLLIE TETLOW

*Pioneering transplant could cure 43YO father originally given incurable Stage 4 Cancer diagnosis and two weeks to live*

**Rochester, MN.** Ollie Tetlow, 43, a devoted husband, father of two, DJ, and fundraiser from the United Kingdom, has been accepted into Mayo Clinic's renowned Living Donor Liver Transplant Program in Rochester, Minnesota. He now urgently needs a blood type O living donor. Many friends and family have come forward to be tested, but no one has been a match.

Asymptomatic and days after completing a 10K run, Ollie was diagnosed with stage 4 colorectal cancer that spread to his liver on Leap Day 2024. Being told he had weeks to live, two years on he has powered through 52 rounds of chemotherapy, continued his 10Ks and raised over \$200,000 for Cancer Research UK through running, DJing, and openly sharing his journey of "Rebellious Hope," inspired by the late Dame Deborah James and the [Bowelbabe Fund for Cancer Research UK](#).

Despite his relentless positivity, Ollie's tumor markers (which fell from 42k to 3) have started incrementally rising recently, making a transplant even more urgent. "We just want more time as a family," said his wife Sara. Ollie is also on the wait list for a deceased liver through the UKCoMET study (UK Criteria for Liver Transplantation in the setting of isolated, unresectable colorectal liver metastases), but risks being removed after 2.5 years of waiting should his tumour markers spike while waiting for organ availability and match. A living donor through Mayo offers the best timely path forward.

Unlike most organs, the liver can regenerate, making living donation possible. So patients like Ollie, whose cancer is confined to the liver, can now be cured through a living donor liver transplant. But it's largely up to them to find a compatible donor.

### Why a Living Donor at Mayo Clinic Rochester?

Mayo Clinic's Living Donor Liver Transplant Program is one of the largest and most experienced in the world. In a living donor transplant, a healthy donor gives a portion of their liver; the donor's remaining liver regenerates to nearly full size within weeks, and the recipient receives a healthy, functioning liver much faster than waiting for a deceased donor. This would be lifesaving for Ollie, curing him of cancer despite his "incurable" initial diagnosis. Learn more: [mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/living-donor-transplant](https://mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/living-donor-transplant).

### Who Can Help?

Healthy adults meeting these general guidelines (final eligibility determined by Mayo's evaluation):

- Blood Group O (both positive and negative)
- Age 18–60
- 50kg+ (110 pounds)

- BMI <35
- No history of significant alcohol/substance abuse
- No major medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, liver disease, active cancer, HIV or hepatitis B/C)
- Able to travel to Mayo Clinic Rochester for evaluation (2–4 days) and surgery/recovery (~5 days in-patient; 4–6 weeks total). All donor travel and associated costs are covered by the Tetlow family.
- Any nationality welcome

## How to Help

- **Potential donors:** complete the living donor intake form at [mayoclinic.org/departments-centers/transplant-center/living-donor-transplantation-evaluation](https://mayoclinic.org/departments-centers/transplant-center/living-donor-transplantation-evaluation)
- **Share the story:** Tag local networks and help spread the word.
- **Full details, Ollie's video appeal, photos & resources:** Instagram [@ollietetlow](https://www.instagram.com/ollietetlow), Facebook, and [ollietetlow.com](https://ollietetlow.com)

*High-resolution photos and B-roll video available upon request.*

## About the Campaign

Coordinated by family and friends in full compliance with ethical and legal standards. No compensation permitted. Mayo Clinic offers dedicated support for international patients.

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