



Rik Basra DL



Rik Basra was born and brought up in Leicester; he is a family man with wife Kas and two daughters. A keen sportsman, Rik has played for several local football sides and is a keen keep fit enthusiast in his spare time.

A former Leicestershire police Inspector, Rik had a career spanning thirty years. In his later years with the force however he twice had to battle leukemia. Having first been diagnosed in 2009, Rik was given the all-clear, but just two years later was told the blood cancer had returned. Rik once again began chemotherapy but was advised he would not survive without a stem cell donor.

It became apparent however that there was a shortage of donors from Asian communities. The search proved extremely problematic. Eventually and thankfully a stem-cell donor was found in Germany, and following a successful transplant on Christmas Eve in 2011 he beat the disease once more.

Following the transplant, Rik along with his wife Kas set up the Rik Basra Leukemia Campaign. The campaign has a simple aim: to raise awareness regarding blood cancers and boost stem cell donor numbers. The work has had amazing success, Rik together with help from many supporters and dedicated volunteers has run well over 250 registration drives and recruited thousands to the UK stem cell register. Crucially many of those registered have resulted in life saving matches.