

ENGLAND FOOTBALL HERO ENJOYS LAB TOUR

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Ashley Young swapped his England strip for a lab coat when he enjoyed a visit to Cancer Research UK's Paterson Institute at The University of Manchester which is part of the Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC).

Ashley Young visited the Paterson Institute for Cancer Research as part of the players support to Cancer Research UK.

Ashley met Cancer Research UK's Chief Scientist and Director of the MCRC, Professor Nic Jones. He was then taken on a tour of the labs, where Cancer Research UK scientists work with other researchers and medical staff to take promising discoveries from the lab and develop them into potential treatments for cancer. They are currently developing new treatments for bowel, stomach, pancreatic and lung cancer.

Ashley said: "Everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer.

"Visiting the Paterson Institute for Cancer Research has been a real privilege. "I hadn't realised that such amazing research work that could save so many lives is taking place in Manchester, right on my door step.

"It's great to see the level of investment that Cancer Research UK is putting into the work here."

Professor Nic Jones said: "We are grateful for the support of the England Footballers Foundation and it's been a real thrill for everyone at the Paterson Institute to meet Ashley Young and show him around our labs.

"Cancer Research UK relies entirely on the good will and hard work of our supporters to raise money. It's thanks to the efforts of those supporters that we're able to fund such pioneering work here in Manchester."

The Paterson Institute for Cancer Research is one of Cancer Research UK's five institutes and plays a key-role in its world-class research to find new ways to tackle cancer. Each year Cancer Research UK invests over £16 million in Manchester to support this work.