# Mother Mourns Son's Tragic Death from Rare Leukemia after Delayed Diagnosis



Ellie Keating, a mother from Bridport, Dorset, is mourning the loss of her son Mason, who passed away from T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia in July 2020. Mason's initial symptoms, which began in December 2019, included snoring, a chesty cough, and a high temperature. Despite multiple visits to the GP, where he was told it was a viral infection, Mason's condition worsened, prompting Ellie to call emergency services in March 2020.

After initial treatment at Dorchester Hospital and subsequent transfer to Southampton Hospital, scans revealed that Mason had a rare and aggressive form of blood cancer. Despite undergoing a four-week intensive chemotherapy and steroid treatment, Mason's condition did not improve, and he passed away just seven months after his first symptoms appeared.

Leukemia affects about 650 children and young adults in the UK annually, with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia being a particularly aggressive type. Ellie urges parents to take any concerning symptoms seriously and seek thorough medical evaluations.

This tragic case highlights the importance of early diagnosis and awareness of leukemia symptoms, which can often be mistaken for less severe conditions.