

Inquest opens following sudden death of Teesside teacher in Hong Kong

Sports teacher Christopher Baines died in February :: An online appeal was launched to raise money to bring his body home

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The inquest into a Teessider who died suddenly in Hong Kong has opened.

Christopher Baines, originally from Middlesbrough, [passed away on February 7](#).

The 33-year-old's body was brought back to Teesside after [loved ones launched a crowdfunding campaign](#) to raise £10,000.

The fundraising page was inundated with donations and almost £14,000 was ultimately raised.

A statement on the site read: “After the devastating and unexpected passing of Christopher Baines in Hong Kong, his mates have decided to set up this page to help his wife Dani bring Chris home. Any contribution would be appreciated.”

Mr Baines, a sports teacher, lived in Hong Kong with his wife Danielle.

Following his death, friends took to social media to pay tribute to the former pupil of Hall Garth School, in [Acklam](#) , with one describing him as a “top man”.

Coroner Clare Bailey adjourned the inquest at Teesside Coroner’s Court to allow investigations to continue.

The circumstances of Mr Baines’ death are still to be officially disclosed.