

## Welcome to the 3rd edition of **ALL ABOARD**



### CEO of The Hospital Saturday Fund visits HealthBus

Following a recent grant application to The Hospital Saturday Fund, CEO, Paul Jackson was invited to Bournemouth to meet with the HealthBus team and carry out a grant assessment for the Trust. Many people, who are experiencing homelessness, with underlying health conditions are not accessing treatment until their condition becomes acute. The HealthBus team are helping individuals to maintain their condition and aiding their recovery. To aid the HealthBus clinical team on the mobile clinic and on outreach, additional specialist equipment is required to assess and treat patients.

On 04 January 2023, Paul had the opportunity to spend a morning with the team as they shared the vision of the Trust. Dr Maggie Kirk, shared her story and the history of the Trust being formed, whilst Kate Hibbitt gave further context to the local needs and recent achievements.



### Chairman's Remarks

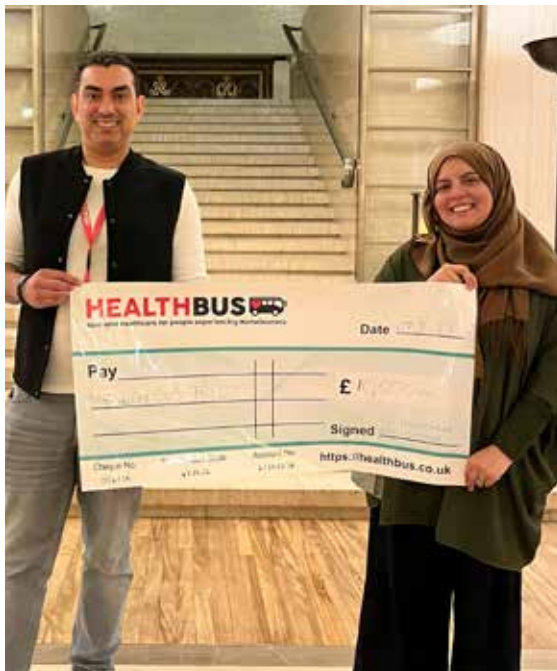
*"Since its inception, the HealthBus has been a tremendous force for change to improve access to healthcare for some of the most vulnerable people in our area. Through the combined efforts of our team, partners and the invaluable support of our community, the HealthBus and its team has demonstrated remarkable results and helped save many lives. We are so proud of all the team have achieved and their continuous work to bring care and healing to those in desperate need."*

**Gareth Sherwood**  
HealthBus Trust, Chairman of Trustees.



## AFC Cherries Community Fund

Huge thanks to AFC Bournemouth and the Cherries Community Fund for supporting the HealthBus Trust and awarding the charity £1000.00! On 18 January 2023, Deano and Bels had the honour of being invited to the AFC Vitality Stadium where they were welcomed by Jeff, Steve and Marcus. This generous donation will support the ongoing outreach work across Bournemouth as the Trust continues to bring hope and care for those who are experiencing homelessness in the community.



## The Clothworkers' Foundation makes a donation to HealthBus

HealthBus team member Deano had the honour of meeting the grant team at The Clothworkers' Foundation, London. The Foundation has kindly donated funds for essential office equipment! Their support has been invaluable as the HealthBus team is able to purchase new equipment helping the Trust in becoming completely digital!

*"We are so grateful to the Clothworkers' Grant Committee and their staff! They see the value in what we do as a charity and are delighted to be part of our story. Thank you Clothworkers' Foundation." - Deano Pickering, Head of Fundraising & Marketing*



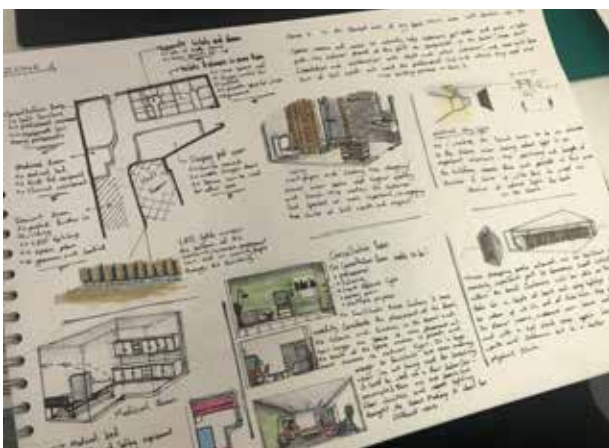


## Our Dorset Health Inequalities Symposium

Health professionals who wanted to learn more about health inequalities and how to work collaboratively to tackle them in Dorset attended the Health Inequalities Symposium at the Spire, Poole, on 01 February 2023.

The symposium was opened by Patricia Miller, Chief Executive Dorset's ICB, (OBE) who engaged delegates to engage with health inequalities in an emotional way to bring the essential changes to ensure health is accessible to all.

Dr Maggie Kirk, Medical Director, HealthBus Trust, was invited to speak to health professionals about the work of the Trust and the challenges faced to ensure that those who are experiencing homelessness can access essential healthcare. Maggie spoke about access, patient experience, outcomes and cost-effectiveness of the service and its essential need for the most vulnerable in our community.



## Socially Conscious Design Unit

On 07 March 2023, Arts University Bournemouth BA Interior Architecture & Design Level 4 students presented their ideas to transform a designated high street store in Poole into an accessible medical clinic for those who are vulnerable in the community. This Socially Conscious Design Unit for Interior students was designed deliberately to make them consider and evaluate the concepts and challenges faced when designing a space for those that are vulnerable.



## CEO of The Hospital Saturday Fund awards HealthBus with donation!

We are thrilled to have welcomed Paul Jackson (CEO The Hospital Saturday Fund) on 09 March 2023 who has kindly awarded the HealthBus Trust a grant for essential equipment for the bus.

*Operations Director, Kate Hibbitt states, "We are so pleased to be partnering with Paul and the HSF team. Their kind generosity and support mean we can invest in better equipment to serve those most in need in our community. We are so grateful!"*



## KFC Foundation Shortlisting

The KFC Foundation is working on how it makes closer links to the to the young people who benefit from the grants offered. The HealthBus was selected to help the Foundation with how they spend their money in the support of other charities across the UK.

To support the shortlisting process, 4 young volunteers from Poole High School offered to help the HealthBus with the KFC shortlisting. Alfie, Jonah, Meg and Amelia assessed 5 different projects ranging from theatre support in a safe place to raise confidence, to mentoring and supporting young people with severe disabilities.





## MP and associated councillors visit HealthBus

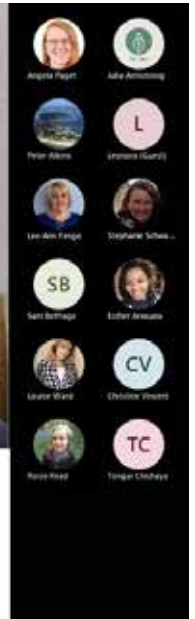
On 23 March 2023, the HealthBus team had the opportunity to meet the MP for Bournemouth East Rt Hon Tobias Ellwood, Councillor Jane Kelly and Gayatri B Lokhande as they sought to discover more about the local charity and see the mobile clinic. They all had the opportunity to learn more about the unmet need facing those who are experiencing homelessness alongside the challenges to support the most vulnerable. Alongside talking with volunteers, a HealthBus patient had the opportunity to talk about their current experience and the essential need for the charity's healthcare service.

*"What the HealthBus team does locally is incredible and is vital for many in our community. Hearing how the team support veterans, vulnerable men and women including those who are currently rough sleeping is inspirational. It was a pleasure to speak with Dr Maggie Kirk and the team about future aspirations." - Rt Hon Tobias Ellwood.*



The HealthBus team was able to demonstrate that the holistic care of patients isn't just down to one organisation supporting people alone. The essential partnership with statutory services and other providers of homeless care, is what aids people in their recovery journey.

*"Engaging our MP so he can see at first-hand the increased need in the community is vital. Our work is part of a complex network to ensure those who are vulnerable and need to access care, have the ability to do so. Our unique model of delivery is working and key decision makers need to know why." - Gareth Sherwood, HealthBus Chairman.*



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## Community Voices Webinar Series

On 12 April 2021, the Community Voices Webinar was hosted by Bels (Health Bus Volunteer & Project Coordinator) and Mel (Principal Academic in Social Work at BU). Mel was able to discuss with Bels the context of homelessness locally and the barriers that many face when experiencing homelessness. Bels shared the rewards and benefits of volunteering and being involved in a charity that seeks to support and help the most marginalised in society.



## Spotlight on Policies & Procedures

Over the past few months we have introduced a few new policies such as *Records Retention Policy* and *Data Opt-out Policy*, alongside essential training.

Please ensure you take time to familiarise yourself with the new policies and updated processes on SharePoint. We always welcome feedback from staff, Trustees and volunteers. If you feel there is a specific policy or procedure that needs reviewing, please email Kate on [kate@healthbus.co.uk](mailto:kate@healthbus.co.uk) and we will endeavour to review it.





## CAN: Dorset Voluntary Community Sector EXPO 2023

On 19 April 2023, Bournemouth University hosted a significant conference in Dorset, creating a single point of focus for charities, community groups, health and council leaders and their teams to come together at a time of transformation and recovery. Focus was given to all the things that affect our health and well-being, making real change, and improving things for all in our communities. Keynote speakers on the day were: Dr Paul Johnson, Chief Medical Officer, NHS Dorset and Debra Allcock-Tyler, Chief Executive at The Directory for Social Change.

The HealthBus Trust was one of the selected partners to demonstrate its impact on specialist homeless care for people experiencing homelessness and its commitment to addressing health inequalities. The Trust is delighted to be partnering with Community Action Network (CAN) as it continues to be an advocate for the voluntary sector in Dorset alongside demonstrating the essential impact charities make within the community.



CAN coordinated a short film to demonstrate the local impact that charities are making:

*“What the HealthBus team does is essentially deliver home visits to the homeless. Our innovative model of delivery works as we build rapport and trust with those who are most marginalised. Our staff and team are reliant upon volunteers who make a significant contribution and make our work better.”*

**Gareth Sherwood**  
HealthBus Trust, Chairman of Trustees.



## NHS England National & Regional Medical Directors visit HealthBus

On 21 April 2023, the HealthBus team had the privilege of welcoming Professor Sir Stephen Powis (National Medical Director of NHS England), Dr Michael Marsh (Southwest Medical Director & Chief Clinical Information Officer of NHS England) and Dr Paul Johnson (Chief Medical Officer of NHS Dorset) to the HealthBus offices based at Bournemouth Foodbank in Boscombe. This meeting with senior NHS leaders allowed them to discover the journey of the charity and its innovative model of delivering essential healthcare via the use of the bespoke mobile clinic. Both team members and Trustees from the Trust were able to share the achievements, successes and challenges of advocating and supporting the most marginalised in our community. After a formal briefing from Dr Maggie Kirk, the NHS Senior Leaders had the opportunity to speak personally with several HealthBus patients about their experience, journey and encounter with the Trust. This engagement has endorsed the importance of the NHS collaborating with voluntary sector organisations in order to bring improved health, well-being and connectivity within communities.

Research undertaken by The Museum of Homelessness (MOH) in the UK has recently uncovered that a person died while homeless every 6.5 hours in the UK last year. More than 4,000 people have died while homeless across the UK since 2019, according to a grassroots count that showed a surge in deaths in England and Wales last year. The MOH found that the Dying Homeless count found 1,313 people died while rough sleeping or in emergency or insecure housing across the UK, representing a two per cent rise on the 1,286 deaths recorded in 2021.

The HealthBus Trust seeks to remove the health inequalities faced by those who are experiencing homelessness and directly tackle the overwhelming needs in order to prevent deaths.





## BU Client Brief Presentation 2023

Over the past 9-weeks, 12 second-year BA Hons Media students at BU have been working on a client brief project for the HealthBus Trust. The students have worked effortlessly to create suitable and relevant material that can be used to promote volunteering and donations to university students.

On 17 May 2023, both groups presented their media ideas and solutions to the HealthBus mentor Deano Pickering alongside their course lectures. .

*"I was really proud of how the students faced the challenges before them. The topic of 'people experiencing homelessness' can be sensitive and emotionally difficult, yet the students were considerate and creative in how they communicated their messages. I was moved to see how they all battled with their own unconscious bias and perceived ideas of the causes of homelessness."* Deano Pickering, Head of Fundraising & Marketing



## Business Networking

On Thursday, 11th May 2023, The Hospital Saturday Fund (HSF) held its 16th Annual General Meeting at the Guildhall in London. At the event, The Hospital Saturday Fund was thrilled to have Alan Titchmarsh as their special guest. Following his speech, Alan was presented with a grant of £20,000 for Treloar's, a special education school by John Greenwood, Chair of The Hospital Saturday Fund.

Darren Slade (Trustee) and Deano attended the HSF event on behalf of the Trust and connected with associated members and other charity beneficiaries. We are so thankful to the Hospital Saturday Fund for their support.



## Patient Feedback

Tarquin, aged 37, told the HealthBus team *"Without your help, I would have lost my leg through years of addiction and abuse to my body".* The HealthBus first met Tarquin and supported him when he was sleeping rough. He said: *"The HealthBus team saved my life, without their support I would be dead. Over the past few months, you helped me get off the streets and encouraged me to address multiple physical and mental health problems".* (patient name changed)

Please contact Kate Hibbitt via [kate@healthbus.co.uk](mailto:kate@healthbus.co.uk) if you have any suggestions, feedback or items you would like featured in the next bulletin.