

Welcome to the 4th edition of **ALL ABOARD**



HealthBus Trust appoints Dr Luke Turley to be a Trustee

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Luke Turley as a formal Trustee of the HealthBus Trust as of 22nd June 2023. Dr Luke Turley brings a wealth of clinical and operational experience within the UK and international medical sector. He has an unusual GP career, leaving regular NHS practice and instead choosing to work with marginalised sectors of society such as prisoners, asylum seekers and victims of torture, both in the UK and the developing world. He spends much of his time working in isolated and remote parts of the world, from running an emergency department in the Outer Hebrides to teaching life support in villages in Sierra Leone.



Chairman's Remarks

"We are overjoyed that Dr Turley wants to help support our local cause and mission. His expertise and experience in clinical practice will enable the Trust to develop better systems of care for our patients. On behalf of the Board, we are excited about his invaluable contribution."

The Trust continues to provide essential care in our town even though we are seeing an increased need for our service."

Gareth Sherwood
HealthBus Trust, Chairman of Trustees.



The Clothworkers' Foundation 2023 Reception

On behalf of The Clothworkers' Foundation Trustees, representatives of the HealthBus Trust were invited to the Charities Reception at Drapers' Hall on Wednesday, 28th June 2023. The Charities Reception was an opportunity to celebrate the amazing work of organisations that have been supported by The Clothworkers' Foundation in recent years. With attendees from a wide variety of organisations, it was also a chance for our grantees to come together in person and network with others involved in the sector, and to meet The Foundation team and Trustees.



Lions Club of Poole donation

Back in January 2023, the Lions Club of Poole made £250.00 donation to the HealthBus Trust to support smoking cessation work undertaken by the charity's Outreach work. Their donation has allowed us to purchase some essential smoking cessation resources to help our vulnerable patients understand the dangers and physical/mental consequences of smoking.

Since January Chrissie has undertaken 207 clinical appointments with patients. 66% of people experiencing homelessness cite drug or alcohol use as a reason for first becoming homeless. Chrissie continues to deliver heart screenings and bespoke support to access Nicotine Replacement Therapy and vapes.



Charity Football Game to raise funds for HealthBus!

On 03 July 2023 a charity footy match took place! A big thank you from the HealthBus team to everyone at Slades Farm who played football and supported the fundraising match this morning. £730.00 have been raised by the players from BCP housing & Dave Wells Property teams in their collaborative effort to support the HealthBus Trust. Great community atmosphere between players and spectators, and super to see plenty of goals!





Outreach Practice Nurse supports HealthBus

Delighted to be working alongside Carole Lucas, an experienced NHS Practice and Outreach Nurse, who is supporting the HealthBus to undertake homeless health checks. Carole has over 30 years of experience working in emergency hospital care and supporting patients with essential treatment

"I am delighted to be supporting the HealthBus team and the outreach work alongside Chrissie and Rachel. It's a privilege to be able to support the most vulnerable in our community".

- Carole Lucas, July 2023.



Grant workshops with TVT

On 09 August 2023, the grant team at Talbot Village Trust (TVT) met with key individuals representing a number of local charities as they led workshop sessions on how as a grant provider they could support further the essential work done by the voluntary sector. It was an opportunity to consider the different types of funding charities receive and explore examples that have been most helpful / powerful / transformative for the communities.

The HealthBus Trust has previously received grants from TVT and it was a pleasure to be invited and involved.



HealthBus Trustee joins Dorset Chamber's Board

Dorset Chamber has boosted its board with the appointment of a new director from the third sector.

In June 2023 the Chamber welcomed YMCA Bournemouth Chief Executive & HealthBus Chairman, Gareth Sherwood, as it steps up representation for charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups.

Gareth takes a seat as a non-executive director on the Dorset Chamber's 11-strong board alongside leading figures from the county's business community.

Ian Girling, Dorset Chamber Chief Executive, said: "A very warm welcome to Gareth.

"He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our already strong board of directors. As well as helping to steer the Dorset Chamber forward he will be able to represent the third sector and give key insights into its relationship with business.

"We have a dynamic and diverse board of directors who are all committed to the chamber's mission to enable better lives through business.

Business is a force for good, and Gareth's appointment will further help us to drive the local economy."



HealthBus appoints Myka Wilshire to be a Trustee

Myka Wilshire was appointed as a HealthBus trustee in July 2023. She brings with her extensive expertise in the homelessness sector, having led a rough sleeper outreach team through the challenges of the pandemic. Myka also spearheaded the implementation of a highly effective outreach service for homeless individuals struggling with substance misuse, ensuring that treatment reaches them wherever they may be. Her passion for addressing homelessness is deeply personal, as she shares experiences common to many we serve. These experiences led to severe physical health challenges, as Myka, like many of our patients, faced difficulties in accessing primary healthcare services.

Nonetheless, Myka has triumphed over these obstacles and is now wholeheartedly committed to empowering others to access the support they need, enabling the choice to positively impact their lives.



Royal Foundation: Prince William's Homewards Programme

On 07 September 2023, Prince William visited Bournemouth, one of the six flagship Homewards locations, to meet with local and national businesses, all of whom have pledged their support to the Homewards programme and to playing a role in demonstrating that it is possible to end homelessness - making it rare, brief, and unrepeatable.

Over the next five years, The Pret Foundation's Rising Stars programme, which helps break the cycle of homelessness by providing support, training and employment, will see a 40% expansion, supporting at least 500 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness into jobs at Pret's UK shops, including in Homewards flagship locations where Pret has a presence.

As part of his launch, HRH visited a community project at the Faithworks Arch Carpentry Workshop, part of the Homelessness Partnership BCP, AFC Bournemouth and St John's Church in central Bournemouth where he chatted to a number of woodwork trainees about this skills training scheme and their experiences of homelessness. Prince William's visit spotlights a practical example of empowering people with skills that help get them into employment and prevent the cycle of repeat homelessness. Homewards will build on this type of work through the five years.



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 and we will endeavour to review it.



HealthBus Board appoints new Chairman!

At the Trustees meeting held on 14 September 2023, the board formally thanked Dr Gareth Sherwood for his contribution and leadership over the past 3 years as he came to the end of his chairmanship. The board then voted for Chris Wakefield as the new Chairman. Chris is a management professional and worked as a hospital manager for a number of years. He has been involved in charitable work for the last 20 years and established three charities giving him extensive experience in partnerships and fundraising. Chris's expertise and charisma enabled him to be a Bournemouth Councillor for 12 years, working in the ward of Boscombe West. The Trust is delighted in congratulating Chris on his new role on the board.

Patient Feedback

"I became street homeless in Bournemouth in August 2019. I had led an itinerant lifestyle in other parts of the country before then. I consider myself privileged to have met the Health Bus team and, on occasion, receive excellent treatment from them. At all times, I have been welcomed with love, compassion and understanding by every member of the team. The treatment I have received from the team has always, without fail, been professional, and of the highest possible standard. I am now in my mid 70's! I have met many medical professionals in a long lifetime. The Health Bus team are among some of the best I have ever had the pleasure to meet." - Patrick 2023

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