

The beginning of Holy Week 10 -17 April 2022

An urgent appeal for medical equipment

for the Ukrainian people.

My name is Wojciech Struski. I am a paramedic working for the Northwest Ambulance Service. Together, working across the ambulance services in England we are collecting medical equipment and resources for our colleagues, the doctors and nurses and all hospital staff working under the most extreme conditions in Ukraine.

We have established the group Medic4Medic working alongside 'Bridge over Borders' and we are supported by the Polish Embassy in Manchester. Together, we have been able to transport essential medical supplies into Poland and from Poland on to Lviv, Kiev and Mariupol. These invaluable medical supplies are then transported directly to the field hospitals which are in dire need trying to work without the most basic equipment and to ambulance crews improvising with whatever they can access.

Ukrainian hospitals are in desperate need of the following medical supplies, please support us by donating any of these items in good condition if you are able:

- Clean Bandages; triangular bandages, elasticated support bandages, trauma bandages, bandage scissors.
- Dressings; burn dressings, chest seal dressings haemostatic dressings,
- Miscellaneous; waterproof tapes, plasters, eyewash, first aid kits, thermometers, gloves, thermal blankets, pen torches, clinically validated pulse oximeters, clinically validated BP monitors stethoscopes, incontinence pads, catheter bags and oxygen concentrators.
- Equipment: (in good condition) crutches, walking sticks, in working order zimmer frames and folding wheelchairs and any other equipment you may have.

Fr. Jonathan at St. Mary's church Leyland has agreed that items can be delivered to the church, and a collection box for smaller items can be found in the narthex.

For larger items please either contact myself by mobile on 07910946552 or phone the priory to arrange delivery of items to my home address from where they'll be taken to our warehouse in Blackburn ready to be transported to Poland.

I know there are many appeals for humanitarian aid for Ukraine so I thank you in anticipation for anything that you can offer to support this one.

Sincerely, Wojciech Struski