



# Consignments to Ukraine

## January – July 2022

The first half of the year has been very busy, and in addition to our routine recipient countries, there has been an influx of requests to help Ukraine.

Routine shipments went to Sri Lanka, Syria, South Africa (x2) and India. In addition we were faced with the need to supply mainly hospital equipment to both Lviv and Kyiv in Ukraine. The following sections describe how this was done, as it was important to load direct from the donors premises. The thought of having to move heavy equipment to North Yorkshire prior to loading the "artics" was to be avoided at all cost.

**Third Party shipments.** In addition to the three big loads shown below, we provided 402 items, including 83 wheelchairs in six consignments (three each from Inverness and York) for others to transport to destination.

### Ukraine Consignment One

Loaded on 29th April from a facility in Leicester. The arrangement was to collect the main items (45 new hospital beds), then wait in Leicester until 10.00am, to load the contents of two vans from Yorkshire. Language problems meant that the driver was 70 miles south of Leicester at 10 am and only returned to complete the load following instructions from our invaluable main translator.

No problems thereafter and the photo shows soldiers unloading the truck in Lviv.



Transport	A Ukraine registered HGV with a Ukrainian driver who spoke no English.
Transport costs	£2,500 met by Dartmouth Foods.
Contribution to PhysioNet's costs	£1,000 from Rotary D1040.
The Load	A total of 272 items, primarily 45 new Hospital beds with all other items donated by PhysioNet.
Destination	Military Hospital # 1 in Lviv.
Value of the load	£97,000 (at new value in the UK).

## Ukraine Consignment Two

Loaded on 12th June from the Northern General Hospital (NGH) in Sheffield. Loading should have been completed on 11th June, but the “artic” was held up in Dover for 3 days, which delayed loading by 24 hours. PhysioNet had previously taken a van load of equipment to Sheffield to add to the main items from NGH. Loading was heavy and difficult (as shown in the photo), but was completed in good time, thanks to a large and energetic crew. No language problems this time, thanks to Maryna and Anastasia, a Ukrainian medical student at Sheffield University.

Transport	A Ukraine registered “artic” with a Ukrainian driver and mate who only spoke Russian.
Transport costs	£3,600 met by a “fifty fifty” donation from the Dartmouth and Knaresborough Rotary Clubs. (Note the £1,100 increase in transport costs since the first consignment).
Contribution to PhysioNet’s costs	£1,000 from Rotary D1040.
The Load	A total of 305 items primarily 42 hospital trolleys and 142 mattresses with most of the other items donated by PhysioNet.
Destination	Military Hospital # 2, in Lviv.
Value of the load	£99,000 (at new value in the UK).



## Ukraine Consignment Three

Loaded on 2nd July from the Northern General Hospital (NGH) in Sheffield and essentially a repeat of the successful second consignment. PhysioNet had previously taken down a van load of equipment to add to the main items from NGH. Before leaving the UK, two pallets of baby formula milk and a portable X-ray machine were added to the load in Maidstone. The artic was unloaded in Kyiv on 13th July. No language problems this time, thanks to Maryna and Anastasia.

Transport	Another Ukraine registered “artic” with drivers who spoke little English.
Transport costs	£4,000. (Note a £400 increase since the 2nd consignment).
Contribution to PhysioNet’s costs	£1,000 from Rotary D1040.
The Load	A total of 145 items including, theatre trolleys, plinths, hospital beds/ mattresses, disability aids and the aforementioned items from Maidstone.
Destination	A distribution centre in Kyiv. Then a part of the load (beds etc.) went on to Karkiv region in Eastern Ukraine on 18 July.
Value of the load	£100,000 (at new value in the UK).

