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Hants & Berks 4x4 Used Embedded Analytics 5 Ways to Face COVID-19

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As emergency workers in the UK took to the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hants & Berks 4x4 Response—a regional branch of 4x4 Response UK—was right behind them. During lockdown, this volunteer team of 4x4 vehicle owners took additional calls to transport medical workers and deliver food, prescriptions, and medical supplies. See how they met the pandemic head-on to support their communities using their application's Logi Analytics dashboard.

Dashboard customization to meet new demands

Hants & Berks 4x4 Response volunteers are available at a moment's notice—any time, day or night, year-round—to travel over rough terrain to assist with rescue efforts in severe weather or emergencies. The Logi Info dashboard in their application was designed to track these types of rescues, but not for the deliveries needed during the pandemic.

So, Axel Seedig, the group's Chief Team Controller, created a list of requirements to add to their Logi Info dashboard:

- Import requests securely from the National Health System (NHS).
- Give 4x4 volunteers authorization to travel during lockdown.
- Create a delivery profile that can track each request from start to finish.

Seedig knew Logi Info had the essential customization capabilities so he could build a dashboard specific to the COVID-19 service.

Novel ways to secure information and track deliveries

In just two weeks' time, Seedig created a new dashboard that would keep their information secure, provide government-approved travel authorization, and track their deliveries.

1. Secure custom portal for customers to make requests

To enable the hospitals, care homes, and other healthcare providers to make pandemic-related delivery requests, Seedig developed a secure self-service portal for them. Through their application dashboard, Hants & Berks 4x4 controllers auto-generate an email with a secure code that links a customer to their unique portal so they can create a request. After a customer creates a request, an email automatically goes to the controller who assigns a responder to it.

2. Auto-import of NHS requests for PPE delivery

During the pandemic, the team has also taken on requests from the NHS to transport personal protective equipment (PPE) to hospitals and clinics. From their dashboard, controllers can now import the daily list of PPE transport requests they get from the Hampshire resilience forum—a combination of the Red Cross, the UK government, and the NHS. Then, they create a case for each PPE request with the details autofilled into the corresponding record. To help their customers keep track of completed requests, they send an "Incident Report with activities" (see the following example).

Incident Report with activities

HANTS & BERKS 4x4 RESPONSE

Activity Report from 01/01/2021 to 31/01/2021

Incident Number: HCAS-001-1968 Incident Type: COVID-19 Support

Contact Name | Start Date | Finish Date | Status | Description

Hampshire and Berkshire 4x4 Response
Charity Registration No. 1151911
Secretary: 4 Ivy Road, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 3DE

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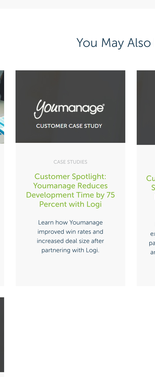
3. More efficient responder mapping

To locate the nearest available responder for a delivery, the Hants & Berks 4x4 Response controllers use the Google Maps plug-in in their dashboard. By hovering over a pin on the map, a controller can see the responder's name, location, and type of vehicle in a pop-up.

4. Government-approved travel authorization

During national lockdowns, the UK government allows only essential travelers on the road. To provide COVID-19 response and essential public services, the Hants & Berks 4x4 responders must carry a letter of authorization that identifies them as key workers and explains their reason for travel. From their dashboard, controllers generate the required letter (in the following example) that includes the responder's name and a validation date.


Hampshire Constabulary

07 April 2021

Hampshire County Council formally requests that all rights of access be given to the bearer of this letter, who is a member of the Hants & Berks 4x4 Response Group. This group has been formed to provide assistance to the Police and other agencies in the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response and/or delivering essential public services.

It is vital that the bearer be permitted to undertake their proposed journey in relation to the provision of CRITICAL SERVICES to or on behalf of the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire. Please extend to the bearer such help as may be necessary in the reasonable discharge of his duties. Should any difficulty arise, please contact the Chief Executive of the County Council in support of the fight against the virus. This letter should only be accepted in conjunction with valid photo identification from the HANTS & BERKS 4x4 Response Base.

We are grateful for your support in enabling us key worker to perform their essential duties during this period of virus outbreak.

Yours sincerely,

Director of Transformation and Governance
IC Deputy Director of Adults' Health and Care

5. Complete delivery tracking

From the time a Hants & Berks 4x4 Response controller creates a request, the information is tracked in the case record. The record includes the request details, responder information, and proof of delivery. From the dashboard, the controllers can also view a summary of all deliveries as shown in the following example.

New possibilities

Seedig says, "Before the pandemic hit, our system was intended only for transporting individuals, such as healthcare workers, not for deliveries. The Logi Analytics dashboard made it easy for us to create a new system to track deliveries, from intake to proof of delivery."

Learn how Hants & Berks 4x4 Response optimized their volunteer service 36X by embedding Logi Analytics in their application.

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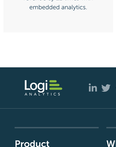

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