

## The journey to making Benenden Health famous....

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Things that have been said to me throughout my marketing career. Do any of these sound familiar?

Your team can 'fluff' it up Marketing's the colouring in Department

We need to make some savings, Marketing what can you cut back on?

All you need is PPC

It's just words and pictures

Anyone can do Marketing

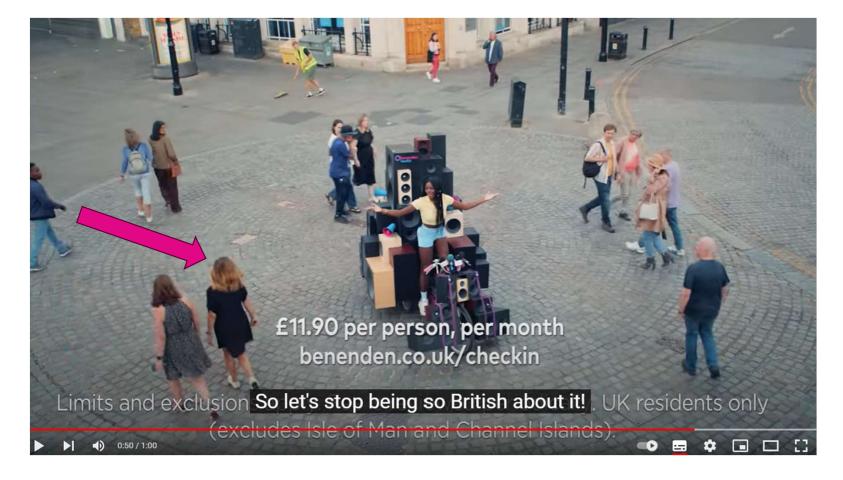
**Brand police** 



## Today Marketing is a cornerstone for growth and innovation at Benenden Health.



### A bit about me



So how did we go from a small brand to securing multimillion £ investments

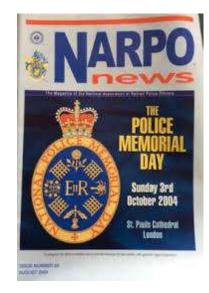


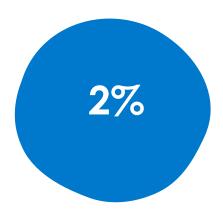
### Here's a look at where we were











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### **Sponsorship of GBBO**





Outbid by Sainsburys (blessing in disguise)



### Strategies for buy in. Fame, Feeling & Fluency – the path to brand growth

- If a brand comes readily to mind, it's a good choice (Fame)
- If a brand feels good, it's a good choice (Feeling)
- If a brand is recognisable, it's a good choice (Fluency)

### Using this model we approached 4 media partners with a simple but challenging brief

#### Our mission:

Improve the nations health by making private healthcare accessible to everyone

One sentence brief:

Develop a partnership that can drive FAME with FEELING for Benenden Health

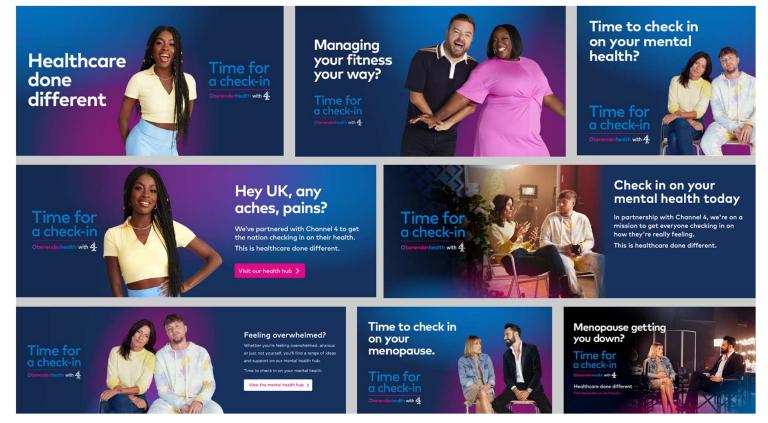




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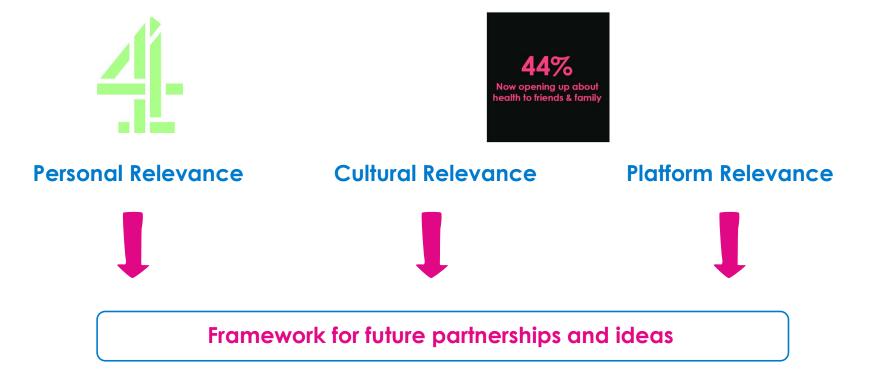


### Then it was back to the Board with a proposal and presentation to make a step change in brand investment





#### With the Channel 4 partnership we are breaking through. We have found a formula that works with a partner with shared values. We're advertising without it feeling like advertising







## We've super charged our brand evolution because of the Channel 4 partnership

### We've taken the brand from this.....





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### To this....





#### Our photography style

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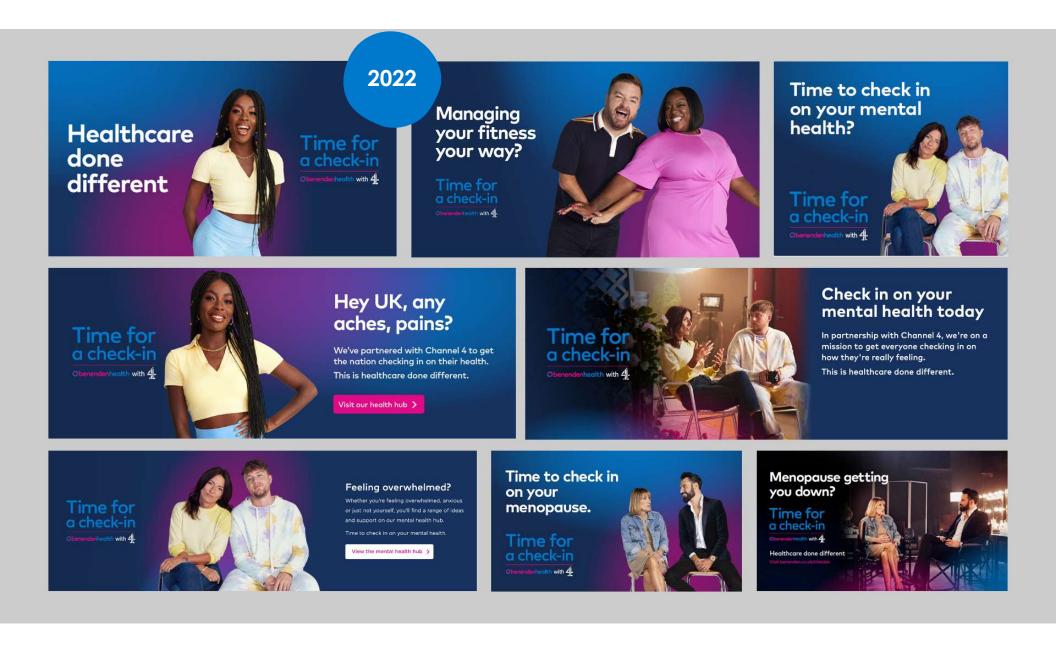
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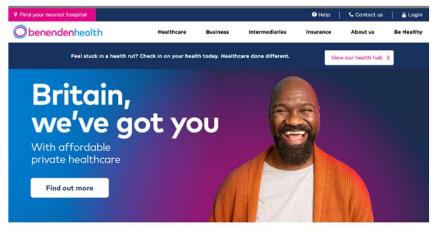
The Present But we didn't stop there. Channel 4 gave us permission to evolve the brand even further. To become a modern and inclusive mutual healthcare provider. Healthcare for the people of Britain.

### On 4<sup>th</sup> September we launched 'Britain we've got you'









Whoever you are, whatever your health, and whenever you need us – Britain, we've got you.



We offer high quality healthcare services at the same affordable cost for

everyone. We're a mutual, not-for-profit private healthcare provider focusing on the needs of our 840,000+ members.

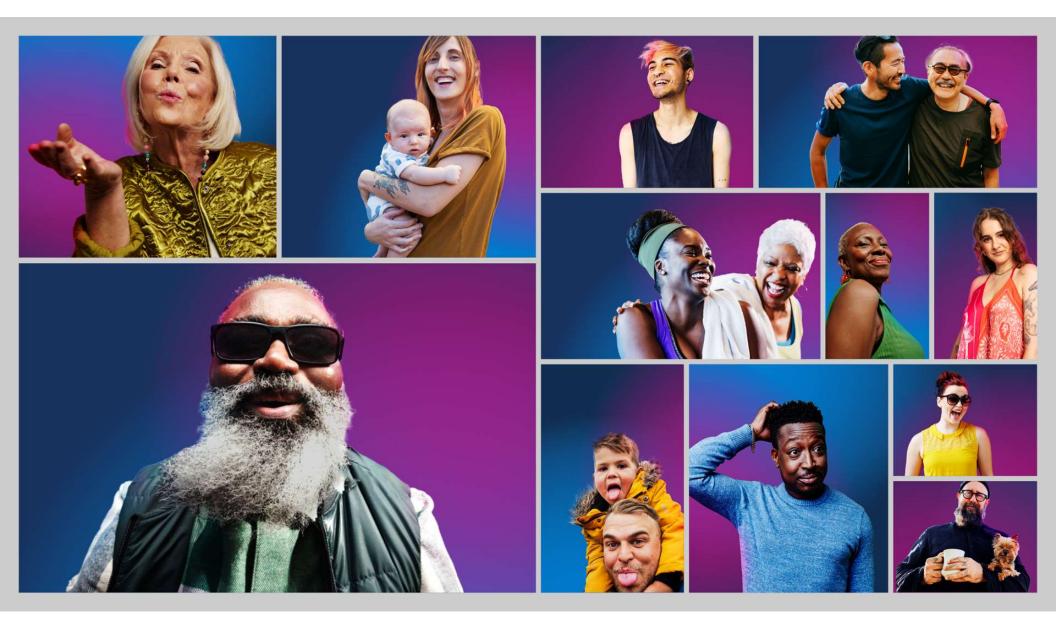
We also offer access to physical and mental health services, including 24/7 GP and Mental Health helplines, quick access to diagnosis and treatment, plus a whole lot more for just £12.80 a month.

#### Existing members

You can manage your membership through My Benenden - this is your online member portal where you can update your personal details, find your membership number, view your rewards and discounts and add additional people to your membership.

For more information about your membership, useful contact numbers and the latest FAQs, explore our <u>All about membership page</u>.

Benenden Health is introducing more ways for members to get involved





### So did the investment pay off? It certainly did

- ✓ Spontaneous brand awareness has increased by 650%
- 1 in 4 adults would consider Benenden Health vs 1 in 10 adults
- Awareness has grown more than any competitor
- Sales are at an all-time high

Operational

- Brand investment drives retention too
- ✓ Short- and long-term sales
- ✓ Web traffic peaked at +8000%
- ✓ More people are checking in on their health
- Improvement in our employer brand
- ✓ Stand out differentiated proposition affordable and inclusive



# A few things I've learnt along the way to increase buy in

- Data, data, data
- Include evidence
- Set targets
- Know your proposal inside out
- Keep it clear and simple
- Present early
- Keep engagement and awareness high
- Once live, send regular updates to the SLT/Board
- Ask for support
- Be brave
- Never stop innovating
- Ultimate aim Licence to operate





# Thank you