## Big Issue seller John White dies

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Big Issue Seller John White died in the Western General Hospital on Monday following a 'cancer related illness', as reported in the <u>Big Issue</u>.

He was a one-off and we met him earlier in the year when filming the Lord Provost who was being shown by the expert how to sell the magazine on the street.

The Lord Provost, RT Hon Donald Wilson, said: "Earlier this year I was a guest Big Issue vendor for a day, and I was fortunate enough to meet with John and speak with him about life selling the magazine. I am very sorry to hear the news of his passing.

"It is clear that John's spirit boosted Big Issue sales in the Meadows, and through his role he raised countless funds for its charities. His story raises the issue of homelessness in Edinburgh, and it's important people and organisations do everything they can to raise awareness of homelessness in Scotland and that we work together to make it a thing of the past."