

Summary Report: Defibrillators in Council Buildings**Date:** 16th April 2014**Council Officer:** Gareth Roberts, Assistant Health & Safety Officer**Background**

A defibrillator is a machine that delivers an electric shock to the heart when someone is having a cardiac arrest. These machines can also be called AED's (automated external defibrillators). When someone goes into cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces their chance of survival by 10% (source: British Heart Foundation). The Health, Safety & Resilience Team in conjunction with the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) have placed 14 defibrillators in council buildings in the Birkenhead and Wallasey area.

Note: An existing 8 council buildings and 3 lifeguard posts already have defibrillators (highlighted yellow in appendix 1).

Criteria

To qualify for a defibrillator under the NWAS initiative the building had to be located in an area of deprivation in accordance with NWAS statistics. Therefore west and south Wirral were not eligible under the NWAS criteria. All council buildings within the specified areas were selected based on public access and annual footfall. The full list of Council buildings is in appendix 1.

Additional funding was available from the 'Public Health Outcome Fund' and we identified a further 4 council buildings outside the Birkenhead and Wallasey area where a defibrillator has been located (see appendix 1).

Training

Nominated Officers from within the council attended a 'Train the Trainer' course which was delivered by the North West Ambulance Service. Training was then rolled out across the 18 sites over a 4 week period. So far 115 employees, volunteers and members of the public have attended the 'Defibrillator Awareness Session'. Further sessions will be organised over the next few months. Refresher training will be coordinated by the Health, Safety & Resilience Team. All first aid training (1, 2, 3 day and paediatric first aid) that is delivered by the Council's approved first aid provider will include defibrillator training.

A defibrillator training video will also be put on the Council's intranet and internet for any employees and members of the public that would like to know how these life saving devices operate.

Expenditure

The NWAS have agreed to fund the costs of the 14 defibrillators and relevant signage. They will remain NWAS assets in case of damage/loss and in terms of ongoing maintenance costs. The 4 additional defibrillators, alarmed wall cabinets (4 buildings have been deemed as potentially higher risk in terms of theft or damage) and wall brackets will be purchased using money out of the 'Public Health Outcome Fund' (see appendix 2 for a breakdown of costs).

Summary

A total of 26 council buildings/locations (29 including lifeguard posts) now have defibrillators on site and each location has an adequate number of trained employees that are willing to assist in the unfortunate event of a person suffering a cardiac arrest. This initiative has been publicised as a 'good news' story on the Councils website and will hopefully be published in the local papers to raise the public's awareness of the location of defibrillators.

- 18 additional defibrillators have now been placed in Council buildings (29 in all)
- 7 council officers have been trained by North West Ambulance Service to deliver Defibrillator Awareness Sessions to employees, volunteers and the public
- Training has been delivered to 115 people so far

Future Initiatives

Funding is available for schools to apply for defibrillators and this is an initiative the Health, Safety & Resilience Team are going to assist with in the coming months.

If you require any further clarification on any of the information contained within this report please get in touch.

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Appendix 1

List of Council Buildings Selected for an AED

No.	Council Building/Location	Location of AED	Asset	Installation Date
1	Beechwood Library	Reception	NWAS	03/03/14
2	Beechwood Recreation Centre	Reception	NWAS	03/03/14
3	Bidston Tennis Centre	Next to Reception	NWAS	2012
4	Birkenhead Central Library	Reception	NWAS	03/03/14
5	Birkenhead Park Visitors Centre	Reception	NWAS	03/03/14
6	Birkenhead Town Hall	In foyer	NWAS	03/03/14
7	Cheshire Lines Building	TBC	Council	01/04/14
8	Conway One Stop Shop	Reception	NWAS	03/03/14
9	Eastham One Stop Shop and Library	TBC	Council	01/04/14
10	Europa Pools	Reception	NWAS	2012
11	Floral Pavilion	Cloak room	NWAS	2012
12	Gautby Rd Play and Community Centre	Corridor	NWAS	03/03/14
13	Guiena Gap Recreation Centre	Reception	NWAS	2012
14	Heswall One Stop Shop and Library	Reception	Council	01/04/14
15	Landican Cemetary	Transfer room in crematorium	NWAS	03/04/14
16	Leasowe Recreation Centre	Reception	NWAS	2012
17	Lifeguard Post	Various	NWAS	2012
18	Lifeguard Post	Various	NWAS	2012
19	Lifeguard Post	Various	NWAS	2012
20	Moreton OSS and Library	Reception	NWAS	01/04/14
21	New Ferry Village Hall	In kitchen	NWAS	03/03/14
22	Rock Ferry One Stop Shop and Library	Near main entrance	NWAS	03/03/14
23	Seacombe Library	Reception	NWAS	03/03/14
24	St James Centre	Reception	NWAS	03/03/14
25	Tam O Shaners Urban Farm	Café	NWAS	03/03/14
26	The Oval	Reception	NWAS	2012
27	Wallasey Town Hall	Reception	NWAS	03/03/14
28	West Kirby Concourse	Reception	NWAS	2012
29	Woodchurch Recreation Centre	First aid room	NWAS	2012

Appendix 2

Breakdown of Costs

Equipment	Price per unit	Quantity Required	Total Cost	Cost (included VAT)
Defibrillators	£650 + vat	4	£2600	£3120
Alarmed cabinets	£184 + vat	4	£736	£883.20
Wall brackets	£43 + vat	14	£602	£722.40
Total Cost			£3938	£4725.60