

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....16th November 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Defibrillators

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the outcomes of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee's review of Defibrillators.

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) were available in many public, community and private places around the country, and were designed to be used by people with no medical training. They could play a key role in improving survival rates for out of hospital cardiac arrest.

The aim of the review was to: to consider the role of defibrillators in treating out of hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA); to review their availability, accessibility and utilisation in Stockton-on-Tees; and to make recommendations to improving the response to OHCA in the Borough.

RESOLVED that the Council:-

1. Reviews and where necessary enhances, promotional activity in relation to prevention of heart disease;
2. Considers opportunities:
  - a) to increase public awareness of the importance of first aid for cardiac arrest, and increase public confidence in the use of CPR and defibrillators;
  - b) to promote increased participation on formal first aid courses within the local community;
  - c) to promote and support the role of Community First Responder;
3. Should strongly encourage all schools and colleges to give consideration to including first aid training (including CPR and use of an AED) for all students at an appropriate point in the curriculum;
4. Should, taking into account existing provision, funding opportunities, and good practice as outlined in this review report,

install/assist the installation of publicly accessible defibrillators where significant gaps in provision exist. Ensure that first aid training opportunities are integral to this programme;

5. Encourage existing holders of static AEDs to consider how they can be made more accessible to the general public, including conversion to a publicly accessible defibrillator ('cPAD'), in conjunction with North East Ambulance Service;

6. Encourage existing holders of static AEDs across the Borough to make sure their locations are registered with North East Ambulance Service.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2017-18.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 24 November 2017

Proper Officer  
20 November 2017