

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

16 NOVEMBER 2017

REPORT OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

CABINET DECISION

Lead Cabinet Member - Adult Services and Health – Councillor Jim Beall

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF DEFIBRILLATORS

1. Summary

The attached report presents the outcomes of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee's review of Defibrillators. Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are available in many public, community and private places around the country, and are designed to be used by people with no medical training. They can 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.

2. Recommendations

The Adult Social Care and Health Committee recommends 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. a) 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.
- b) ensures that first aid training opportunities are integral to this programme;
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6. encourages existing holders of static AEDs across the Borough to make sure their locations are registered with North East Ambulance Service.

3. Reasons for the Recommendation(s)/Decision(s)

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

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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DETAIL

1. The attached report outlines the findings of the review of defibrillators. The review was undertaken by Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee.
2. Following consideration by Cabinet, an action plan will be submitted to the Select Committee setting out how approved recommendations will be implemented detailing officers responsible for action and timescales.
3. At its meeting on 24 October 2017, Executive Scrutiny Committee commented in support of the Select Committee's Recommendation 2, that the Council should promote awareness of:
 - a) 'first aid for cardiac arrest' amongst Council employees and Councillors, and ensure all employees and Councillors are aware of the help they are able to provide in such circumstances, and;
 - b) how to identify their nearest first aider when on Council premises.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

4. The review does not propose any changes to policies or service delivery.
5. Proposals to improve local responses to out of hospital cardiac arrest, and promote health initiatives have the potential to benefit all sections of the community. Cardiac arrest can potentially affect anyone at any time, however patients with pre-existing heart disease are most likely to experience sudden cardiac arrest. The proposals to prevent incidence and promote first aid therefore have the potential to improve health inequalities in the Borough.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no significant financial implications. It is proposed that any funding needed in support of the recommendations be met from existing Public Health budgets.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no significant legal implications. There is no current UK legislation requiring the provision of defibrillators in public areas. As noted in the attached report there are very few legal barriers to a bystander providing intervention in a case of cardiac arrest. The Resuscitation Council has published further advice on this matter and this is available here: <https://www.resus.org.uk/cpr/legal-status-of-those-attempting-cpr/> .

RISK ASSESSMENT

8. This scrutiny review of defibrillators is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

9. The review supports the following Council Plan 2017-20 objectives and policy principle
 - Address ill health prevention
 - Developing strong and healthy communities

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no direct implications in the report.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

11. During its review the Committee held a number of meetings to gather information from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust, North East Ambulance Service, Tees Active Limited, and Cleveland Fire Brigade. The review was supported by the Council's Public Health team.
12. All schools, colleges, and parish and town councils were surveyed to inform the Committee's work, and views were sought from town and shopping centre management. Hartlepool and Middlesbrough Councils provided information on work undertaken in their areas.
13. The Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health was consulted on the findings and recommendations of the Select Committee.

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Background Papers None

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: N/a

Property

N/a