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| Report on | Community Resuscitation Update |
| Date of Meeting | 9 th February 2021 |
| Reporting Officer | Fiona McClements, Head of Environmental Health |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report |
| 1.1 | To provide elected members with an update on the work of the Mid Ulster Community Resus Group including an update on the roll out of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) across MUDC owned properties. |
| 2.0 | Background |
| 2.1 | <p>The Community Resuscitation Strategy for Northern Ireland was launched in July 2014 with a vision to increase survival for those who suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, to the highest level that can be achieved across Northern Ireland. The objectives set out in the Strategy are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise public awareness of the importance of early recognition of an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, and the importance of early intervention; • Encourage members of the public to intervene in the event of an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; • Increase the availability of, and access to, appropriate and effective CPR training provision across Northern Ireland; • Achieve high uptake of CPR training; • Make the most efficient use of the resources available to support community resuscitation training; • Improve the availability of, and access to, the automated external defibrillators that are in place across Northern Ireland; and • Enhance the capacity of information systems to capture and provide key data on out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and patient outcomes. |
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| 3.1 | A further meeting of the Mid Ulster Community Resus Group was chaired by Councils Environmental Health Service on 12 th November 2020 with various Council sections represented and representation from external partners including Sport NI, British Heart Foundation and Trust. Unfortunately for sickness absence reasons the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, lead partner, were unable to attend this meeting but further discussions have taken place since the meeting. |

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| 3.2 | The meeting heard that work continues to transfer and register Defibrillators in Northern Ireland from the database held by the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (last updated February 2020 at the time of meeting) to a new registration portal 'The Circuit' hosted by the British Heart Foundation. |
| 3.3 | 'The Circuit', went live in February 2020 and is a national defibrillator network. It is connected to every Ambulance Service in the UK and allows them to direct bystanders to the nearest defibrillator to help save lives. Although NHS Ambulance Services already have defibrillator databases for their area, 'The Circuit' will connect them together to provide a single national view. |
| 3.4 | Council AEDs previously registered with NIAS automatically transfer to the new service, 'The Circuit'. Following a letter of invite from NIAS in February 2020, each AED will need to claim that registration via 'The Circuit'. Further information is in this video: https://www.thecircuit.uk/ |
| 3.5 | Mid Ulster Corporate Health and Safety section have registered on 'The Circuit' and are progressing with claiming the 31 AEDs on circuit under Council management. This involves having a contact point associated with the AED for the provision of information to the AED 'guardians'. |
| 3.6 | Attendees at the Mid Ulster meeting confirmed that not all defibrillators known to be present in the Mid Ulster District Council area are currently registered with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service. As such it is difficult to identify a baseline for AED provision within the Mid Ulster Community and therefore easily identify those settlements within the Mid Ulster District Council area without an AED provision. |
| 3.7 | The British Heart Foundation has confirmed that they propose a National media campaign in spring of 2021 to encourage registration of AEDs. BHF will share further launch plans when available and advise how local partners can help promote 'The Circuit'. MUDC could support the campaign by providing encouragement to all businesses and organisations with AEDs throughout the District to register and/or claim them with NIAS. |
| 3.8 | <p>With respect to the provision of AEDs on Mid Ulster District Council properties/ facilities the following recommendations were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of AEDs at the following Council Civic Amenity sites - Coalisland, Tullyvar, Draperstown, Maghera, Fivemiletown and Ballymacombs Road (budget to be secured). • Relocation of the AED provided at the office of Magherafelt Recycling centre to an area close to the clocking in machine (budget to be secured). • Relocation of the AED at the Moneymore Recreation Centre to an area external to the building so as this AED can service both the Recreation Centre and the Recycling Centre (budget secured). • Provision of an AED in a wall mounted heated cabinet at Grant Ancestral Home and Gardiners hall (budget secured). |

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| 3.9 | It is recommended to not provide an AED to the Drumcoo or Cookstown Recycling centres due to the close proximity of an existing AED nearby. The lack of an electrical supply makes the provision of an AED at the following Mid Ulster District Council rural locations difficult: Portglenone River Walkway, Drum Manor Forest Park Playground and Lough Fea Walk. |
| 3.10 | It is recommended that the AED provision in these three areas (Portglenone River Walkway, Drum Manor Forest Park Playground and Lough Fea Walk) is reviewed again following the receipt of publication of an updated NIAS/Circuit database. |
| 3.11 | If a gap in these areas is confirmed following a further review, Council may want to consider seeking to work in partnership with existing organisations at these locations in order to secure an AED provision as near as is reasonably practicable to these Council facilities. |
| 3.12 | It is further recommended that Mid Ulster support the forthcoming British Heart Foundation campaign sharing campaign messages and by providing encouragement to all businesses and organisations with AEDs throughout the District to register or claim them. |
| 3.13 | Outline of other work related to the Action Plan (Appendix 1) is as follows: |
| 3.14 | Restart a Heart 2020 – Restart a Heart Day was a virtual experience this year, MUDC shared Resus Council posts via social media the week of Restart a Heart Day – this has had a total reach of 7464, with 172 engagements. |
| 3.15 | BHF, Sport NI and NIAS shared similar messages on their platforms. |
| 3.16 | Education – BHF currently trying to influence Education Minister to make CPR mandatory in school. BHF have been successful in England and Scotland. Wales and NI are similar, there is provision but it's not a mandatory element. |
| 4.0 | Other Considerations |
| 4.1 | Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications |
| | Financial: Purchase of 6 AEDs . |
| | Human: Staff time to maintain the units |
| | Risk Management: N/a |
| 4.2 | Screening & Impact Assessments |
| | Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/a |
| | Rural Needs Implications: N/a |

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| 5.0 | Recommendation(s) |
| 5.1 | <p>That members note the content of this report and :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proceed with the installation of AEDs at Council sites as outlined at Section 3.8 and work with partner organisations in the provision of facilities at neighbouring locations at Portglenone , Drum Manor and Lough Fea walkways . 2. Mid Ulster Council to support the British Heart Foundation to make CPR training mandatory in the school setting and assist local businesses and organisations with AEDs throughout the District to register them with NIAS . |
| 6.0 | Documents Attached & References |
| 6.1 | Appendix 1 – Community Resus Action plan 2019-2023. |
| 6.2 | Appendix 2 – MUDC proposed AED installation table. |