

Report on	Provision of Defibrillators (AEDs) in Mid Ulster
Date of Meeting	13 th October 2020
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Members of the Mid Ulster District Council - Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Procedure and rollout of devices across Mid Ulster area.
2.0	Background
2.1	Members will be aware of the presentation to Committee by Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) on the Community Resuscitation Strategy for Northern Ireland 2014 in November 2019 which informed members on the critical indicators for cardiac resuscitation and the important role Automatic External Defibrillators AED's had to play in preserving life in event of a serious cardiac event.
2.2	As members may recall Mid Ulster Community Resuscitation Group was established to consider Community Resuscitation at a local level. The Group consisting of Council staff and representatives of partner agencies developed a 5 year action plan from 2019-2023 to continue the work around community resuscitation in the Mid Ulster area.
2.3	A key action of the plan is to ensure that more people are trained in CPR and the provision of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). Actions arising from the plan included the identification of gaps in AED provision across the Council area to enable prioritisation of resource and the encouragement to all businesses and organisations with AEDs throughout the District to register them.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Within the Mid Ulster District Council area there are 182 registered AED locations recorded with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service. (February 2020) This is the 3 rd highest number of locations per Northern Ireland Local Council area with only more registered locations in the Belfast City and Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon Council areas.
3.2	At Appendix 2 to this report a Mid Ulster District map is provided identifying the locations of the AEDs and the numbers per District Electoral Area. Individual DEA maps are also included which provide a breakdown of the location of Community and Council AEDs per District Electoral Areas together with the location of Council properties .

3.3	As can be seen from the maps there is a range of DEA provision across the Communities in the Mid Ulster District Council area. The predominantly rural nature and dispersed settlement pattern of Mid Ulster District brings with it the added difficulty of addressing rural need across the locality.
3.4	In general terms concentrated and populated areas in Mid Ulster are in reasonable close proximity to a number of AEDS due to their installation at sports and local community hubs , however some communities can be clearly seen as having no immediate access to a AED facility in their locality .
3.5	However the Mid Ulster Community Resuscitation Group and local Community organisations in recent years have supported a range of initiatives along with Sport NI and together with local community fund raisers they have helped increase the rollout of additional AED Units across the Mid Ulster area.
	Current Provision of AED's in Mid Ulster
3.6	There are currently twenty six AEDs provided at Council facilities / premises across the District and a further five PCSCP funded AEDs provided in the main town centres , which are serviced and maintained by Council (Procedural Guide – Appendix 1)
3.7	<p>The Mid Ulster District Council AED Procedure attached at Appendix 1 to this report aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information, guidance and best practice in relation to the placement use and management of AEDs across the Council estate; and • Outline responsibilities within Mid Ulster District Council in relation to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The purchase and Placement of an AED ▪ Training in CPR and the use of an AED ▪ Guardianship to ensure that Council AEDs remain emergency ready
3.8	Whilst there is no statutory requirement for Council to provide a defibrillator at a place of work, the AED procedure enables a first aid needs assessment to be undertaken as part of Councils responsibilities in protecting the safety of its employees and visitors. Similarly in identifying those rural settlements where no AED provision has been made to date Council would seek to engage with local community groups to secure their support and commitment in facilitating a AED provision going forward .
3.9	From detailed GIS analysis of the data held by the NIAS a breakdown of location of all current AEDS in the Mid Ulster area has been compiled. Table 1 below shows the Settlements and popular visitor locations where no AED facility is currently available .

310 **Table 1**

DEA	Settlements / locations where no AED facility available
Carntogher	Upperlands ,Gulladuff, Portglenone River Walkway
Clogher	Augher, Caledon, Eglish , Grant Ancestral Home
Cookstown	Dunnamore, Kildress, Tullyhogue, Drum Manor Forest Park
Dungannon	No Settlement gaps
Magherafelt	Lough Fea Walk
Moyola	Curran
Torrent	Cappagh

311 All fitted AEDs will be registered so as to assist in an emergency in the event of a member of the public being directed to the Council facility by the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service .

312 Members should note that provision for AED's has already been made at a number of key sites including Leisure Centres , Civic Offices and main Council Depot's (Procedural Guide – Appendix 1) however not all Civic Amenity sites have installations fitted , It is proposed that AED Units are fitted at all Council Civic Amenity Sites unless suitable provision is already available in close proximity to the site.

313 At Council premises facility managers will be responsible for ensuring that units fitted on Council premises are regularly serviced and maintained. Prior to progressing with any installation of an AED in a community setting the Council will engage with the local community group to establish a local support network for its installation and maintenance and provide the necessary training on its use.

314 If members are agreeable it is proposed that Council work with key statutory partners and the Mid Ulster Community Resuscitation Group to seek to secure funding to deliver AED's to local communities and facilities not currently serviced as outlined in Table 1 above . Council to also prioritise the rollout of the additional AED's as identified at remaining Council managed sites as identified in Table 1 along with remaining Civic Amenity sites unless suitable provision is already available .

315 In the event that no financial support is forthcoming for the AED purchase and installation , Council to identify potential for eligible funding under current budget lines and the General Power of Competence Programme to support these arrangements .

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Staff time. AED cost approximately £1,000 - £1,500 per unit with additional fitting and cabinet costs if located externally. Council have currently made no budgetary provision , but expenditure may be eligible under General Power of Competence criteria for this purpose .
	Human: Staff time
	Risk Management: N/a
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that members note the above and agree to :
5.2	Install AED Units at all Council Civic Amenity Sites unless suitable provision is already available at or in close proximity to the site.
5.3	Council to prioritise the rollout of the additional AED's as identified at remaining Council managed sites as identified in Table 1
5.4	Council to identify potential for eligible funding under the General Power of Competence Programme to support these arrangements if support funding not available.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1: Mid Ulster District Council Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Procedure
6.2	Appendix 2: AED Locations per District Electoral Area https://midulster.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=abf49239dd764ccd89d14a07618ad771
6.3	Appendix 3 : Visitor Attendance record