

Report on	Community Resuscitation / AEDs
Date of Meeting	9 th November 2021
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on the procurement and provision by Council of additional AEDs across the Mid Ulster District Council area and update on the ongoing Community Resuscitation work.
2.0	Background
2.1	Following previously reports on AEDS discussed by Committee, it was agreed to procure and install additional AEDS at locations across the Mid Ulster District Council area.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Environmental Health Department has undertaken a procurement exercise for AEDS and a supplier has been appointed to supply AEDs to Council subject to Council's requirements. Information regarding these AEDs are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardeners Hall – Council's leisure Centre staff are discussing this situation with Boxing Club representatives week beginning 25th October 2021. There is a 24 hour available AED owned by Community First Responders 0.2 miles from Gardeners Hall • Lough Fea – Parks section progressing this AED as this location requires a bespoke mounting rail due to the location where electricity is currently available. • 6 Civic Amenity Sites – Heated cabinets installed at all sites • Portglenone river walk – confirmed no electricity on site however the closest AED – (under 1 mile) are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Portglenone Enterprise Group 61a Main street ➤ Portglenone Community Centre ➤ Gortgole Road (Registered to Ballymena Council) site managed by Enterprise group as per MEA website 24hr Access at Playgroup door ➤ NIAS will direct to AED within 1 mile

- President Grants – Heated cabinet installed

Mid Ulster Community Resus Group

3.2 A meeting of the above group took place on 25th October 2021 and the following updates were received relating to the Mid Ulster Comm Resus action plan.

Comm Resus in schools

3.3 Announcement made by Minister for Education Michelle McIlveen on 20th September 2021 that CPR will be mandatory for 11-14 year olds in Post Primary Schools. However the Special Advisor and the Minister agree that it should be in all schools in a staged age related programme. NIAS & CCEA will be working together to develop a new Community of Lifesavers Education Programme for all schools.

Community First Responder Schemes

3.4 There are 4 CFR Schemes in the Mid Ulster area – Slaughtneil (now includes Swatragh), Broughderg, Armagh and Tyrone, Killeeshil and Galbally CFR Schemes (see Appendix 5). Following suspension of the schemes due to the pandemic, all Schemes are live again and new recruits will be trained in Killeeshil & Galbally in November 2021.

The Circuit

3.5 The Circuit is the national defibrillator network and provides a national overview of where defibrillators can be found. British Heart foundation have recently launched a month long publicity campaign to raise awareness of “The Circuit”. Environmental Health will liaise with the Council Communication team to share the key campaign messages through Mid Ulster Council platforms (Appendix at 2).

MUDC AEDS

3.6 There are currently 211 AEDS on the map as “emergency ready“ AEDS in Mid Ulster Council area.

3.7 Tobacco Control officers across NI have received awareness regarding defibs and now have an AED flyer to give to business owners explaining how to ensure it is “emergency ready” and registered on The Circuit (see Appendix 1).

Support for Community Groups and Sports Clubs

3.8 At the meeting there was discussion on the options available to support Sports Clubs and Community Groups in ensuring AED equipment purchased is regularly maintained and serviced. Sport NI updated that any sports clubs receiving AEDS from Sport NI would have been made aware that the club would be responsible for the future maintenance of them. The recurring costs vary greatly and are attached for the different types of AEDs at Appendix 3 and can be in the region of £70-£350 per AED when pads/ batteries need replaced, depending on the type of AED unit. The batteries/pads need to be replaced every 2-5 years depending on

	<p>manufacturer's instructions, or whenever the AED has been used on a patient. A number of options were discussed at the resus meeting as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If Council were to support Community groups maintain their AEDS, the costs would be recurring and in the region of £70-£350 per AED when pads/ batteries need replaced, depending on the type of AED unit. The batteries/pads need to be replaced every 2-5 years depending on manufacturer's instructions, or whenever the AED has been used on a patient. Budget/Legal responsibilities/ liabilities would need to be considered further if Council wished to progress this option. 2. Community groups could approach local business to seek sponsorship for maintenance of the units. Council could liaise with Chamber of Commerce to raise awareness. 3. Council Community services have advised that they are not aware of any specific community grants available through Council or other agencies. 4. Community groups could explore alternative non-Council funding streams opportunities that may be available. 5. Fundraising by community groups. <p>It was also noted that in the case of defibrillators used by some of the Community First responder groups associated with Dalriada Urgent Care, they will support the maintenance of the AED following its use on a patient.</p> <p>3.9 <u>World Restart a Heart day</u> World Restart a Heart Day was on 16th October 2021. Due to Covid restrictions and capacity within the NI ambulance Service Community Resus team, Restart a Heart activities have been limited, mainly media related only. Environmental Health liaised with Council Comms and Marketing team and requested that appropriate messages about community resuscitation were shared on Council platforms to raise awareness. Environmental Health will continue to liaise with Comms over the forthcoming weeks to raise awareness of registering Defibrillators on The Circuit.</p> <p>3.10 <u>Staff training on use of Defibrillators September / October 2021</u> Through the Council's Learning and Development programme for staff, defibrillator training sessions took place in Sept/Oct and were available to first aiders and Council staff based at Council locations where defibrillators are located.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: Purchase of AEDS at an approximate cost of £1,100 per AED. Varying Support costs per AEDs as per Appendix 3.</p>

	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	To note the content of the report and give consideration to the support costs for community and sporting clubs.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Tobacco Control officer flyer
6.2	Appendix 2 – The Circuit- Poster
6.3	Appendix 3 – AED prices table
6.4	Appendix 4 – Information on cabinets
6.5	Appendix 5 – CFR Scheme map
6.6	Appendix 6 – Email sent to AED Guardians