

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS - UPDATEReport of the Director of Public Health**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 **The purpose of the report is to summarise the current position regarding provision of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Stockport.**

2. BACKGROUND

In November 2021 full council agreed a motion on Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) which included; making information about defibrillators available prominently on the council's website, to review and, where it would be beneficial, increase the provision of defibrillators across Council-owned-spaces and areas of high public footfall; implement a streamlined process for community groups to install defibrillators on council buildings, Liaise with Sport England and other key national sports governing bodies to check the first aid requirements for their affiliated clubs and make CPR and use of defibrillators training courses available to local clubs. Update reports have previously been received by Health and Social Care Scrutiny in July 2022 and November 2022. This report provides a further update.

3. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES 2023/4

- 3.1 The British Heart Foundation runs The Circuit, which is the national defibrillator database, covering both registered AEDs and CPADs and provides a dedicated website – Defib Finder - which provides public access to this database. (An AED is the portable device while a CPAD or PAD is a Community Public Access Defibrillator usually found in a cabinet and accessible to any member of the public 24/7.)
- 3.2 New web pages have been published on our Council Website which provide a useful resource for community groups and residents. The webpages include information about how to perform CPR, use a defibrillator and a link to the Defib Finder website for publicly available information regarding the location of AEDs/CPADs across the borough.
- 3.3 The process for applying to install a CPAD on Council buildings/premises has been simplified and guidance published on Council Website
- 3.4 Information about CPR and defibrillators was included in communication during Health Health Month (February 2024)
- 3.5 Local VCFSE and community groups have successfully fundraised to increase the number of AEDs in Stockport.

4. FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

- 4.1 None

5. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 None

6. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

6.1 None

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT

7.1 Positive – We have considered current locations of defibs and encourage fundraising groups to consider installing new CPADs in more disadvantaged locations where there are generally fewer CPADs.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

8.1 None

9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the report and recommendations

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact: Jilla Burgess-Allen by email on jilla.burgess-allen@stockport.gov.uk