

Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) Update Report

Introduction

Starting on 8th May 2019, discussions began regarding the potential for installing a defibrillator in the parish. A report was discussed at the meeting on 27th January 2021, which presented various costed options.

Funding

Fund raising to date stands at:

Locality Budget	350.00
Platinum Jubilee Donation	500.00
Menchine Farm Donation	500.00
Paella Fund Raiser ¹	400.00
Thelbridge Cross Inn collection ²	50.00
TOTAL	£1,800

Defibrillator Options

There are many different defibrillators available and options for how they are supplied and supported. It is a requirement that it is publicly available and, since it would be outside, that the cabinet has an electricity supply which would keep it at a suitable operating temperature. Whilst training may be part of a package, ease of use by an untrained member of the public is also necessary.

An application has been made through the London Hearts Charity and the British Heart Foundation (BHF). BHF only supply PADS, so a cabinet would have to be sourced separately. AT the time of writing, they have not responded.

London Hearts provides a grant of £300 and have provided a quote for a Mindray C1A defibrillator with external, unlocked and heated cabinet for £1,211. VAT is not applicable so this provides a 20% saving over other options. The defibrillator carries out daily self-diagnostic tests, meaning maintenance is extremely limited but more importantly this model can be applied to both an adult and a child at the flick of a switch rather than having to waste time changing the pads. This defibrillator also has an excellent shock analysis response time which is vital in cardiac arrest.

Installation

The potential location has been discussed with the Inn. It is proposed to locate it to the left of the front entrance, which is close to an existing electricity supply and would be clearly visible and accessible. There will be an additional cost for installation of the cabinet and the electrical connection.

Ongoing Costs

The defibrillator comes with an eight year warranty. There is no annual service charge and maintenance requires that the defibrillator battery needs to be changed

¹ Not received as at 12th October

² To be collected from Thelbridge Cross Inn

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after 5 years at a cost of approximately £240.00 and the pads, which have a minimum 3 year guarantee, need changing at either date of expiry or after each use (cost of approximately £47.00).

Training

London Hearts offers a FREE online recorded CPR & Defibrillator Awareness Training session.

Recommendations

1. Agree the London Hearts quote and place an order for the defibrillator and cabinet
2. Delegate responsibility for agreeing the cost and arranging installation and to the Clerk
3. Remaining funds be accounted for separately to cover future maintenance costs.