

## **Aberdeenshire Council Public Access Defibrillator Policy**

### **1. Policy Statement**

- 1.1 Aberdeenshire Council recognises the potential benefits that Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) have in supporting the delivery of the Scottish Government Strategy “Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest: A Strategy for Scotland”.
- 1.2 Aberdeenshire Council aims to support the installation of community owned and operated PADs on the **outside** of appropriate Council owned property.

### **2. Scope of Policy**

- 2.1 Aberdeenshire Council will consider the external installation of PADs on any suitable buildings it owns (other than Listed Buildings).
- 2.2 Aberdeenshire Council will only consider requests from established constituted community groups e.g. Community Councils, Parent Councils, Sports Clubs etc. This is to ensure that there is adequate provision to maintain the device and carry out regular checks as well as cover future replacement costs for the battery and pads.

### **3. Policy**

- 3.1 A Minute of Agreement will be agreed between Aberdeenshire Council and the Community Group to enable a PAD to be located on the outside of an appropriate Council building.
- 3.2 It is a requirement that the Community Group registers the location of their PAD with The Circuit.
- 3.3 The Community Group must clearly label the PAD with contact details and provide signage on or near the PAD housing to show they are the owners. This will ensure the PAD can be returned to the Community Group following use.
- 3.4 Community Groups are encouraged to consult with the Scottish Ambulance Service on the location.
- 3.5 The installation will require the approval of the Estates Section of Aberdeenshire Council. Planning Permission may also be required

depending on the location and certainly within Conservation areas. Community groups will be responsible for costs involved in submitting a Planning application.

- 3.6 Aberdeenshire Council will connect the PAD to the building's electricity supply and pay for the electricity used once installed.
- 3.7 Aberdeenshire Council will arrange to install the device and recharge the community group for the works.
- 3.8 PADs installed on Council buildings will remain in the ownership of the Community Group.
- 3.9 The Community Group will be responsible for the replacement of the PAD in the event it is damaged howsoever the damage is caused. The Council will maintain the building and will be responsible for the reinstatement costs of the PAD if required.
- 3.10 If the Community Group ceases to exist the Council will liaise with other community groups to ascertain whether another group is prepared to take on the Community Group's obligations. In the event that no community group is prepared to take on said obligations the PAD will be removed.
- 3.11 In the event that a PAD has been installed without prior agreement with Aberdeenshire Council, there is a risk that the PAD could be removed. Charges may apply for costs incurred during the removal process.
- 3.12 There is no requirement for Aberdeenshire Council staff to be trained on the use of the PADs as they are designed for untrained public access.