

# Funding Defibrillators – Advice Note

**Members are increasingly being asked to support funding defibrillators through Members' Community Allocation funding. This is an advice note on the County advice for what to consider when being asked to fund a defibrillator.**

## **Background**

The County Council has agreed a programme of installing defibrillators into relevant county buildings in Surrey. This will take place over the next 12 months and Surrey has joined forces with WelMedical to roll out the units. They have the benefit of being linked up with South East Coast Ambulance Service and Surrey Fire & Rescue Service so bringing consistency across our region.

## **What the organisation needs to take into consideration if they want a defibrillator**

- Is there another defibrillator within 90 seconds of their building – places to consider are GPs, Dentists, Gyms etc...
- The organisation will be responsible for the defibrillator not us
- The organisation should have familiarisation sessions with those who could be using the defibrillator.
- The organisation will be responsible for maintenance – Batteries need changing every 4-5 years, Pads and Chargers need replacing after use.
- If defibrillators are vandalised or graphitised then the organisation will need to replace the defibrillator
- If located externally the defibrillator needs to be in a secure box and registered with the Ambulance Service, needs to have an electric supply.
- If internal the defibrillator needs to be located in a public available area where people naturally congregate such as near a water machine, a kitchenette.

## **Benefits of using WelMedical**

- Will be compatible with those defibrillators used by South East Coast Ambulance Service and Surrey Fire & Rescue Service.
- If located externally, the Ambulance Services will be able advise anyone calling 999 of box code needed to access the defibrillator
- Will be registered on a Hot Spot App that residents can use to find the nearest defibrillator

## **Costs:**

For up to date costings please contact WelMedical directly before putting in your bid.

## **Who to contact**

Best to contact WelMedical directly through Ricky McCabe on either 01252 344007 or 07590 876042

Or if you would like some advice the Property Helpdesk on: [myhelpdeskproperty@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:myhelpdeskproperty@surreycc.gov.uk)



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