

St Margaret's with St Nicholas Ward Forum Committee: 11th October 2017

Discussion paper:

Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) provision within the Ward

The Forum Committee may wish to consider the matter of defibrillator provision at strategic locations within the ward - in addition to current emergency response services - as an item to bring to the attention of the Forum attendees for subsequent agreed action.

- According to the NHS, East of England Ambulance Service spreadsheet “Community Public Access Defibrillators in EEast.xisx” there is only one PAD unit in King’s Lynn (at Co-op Funerals, 30 Wootton Road, Gaywood, spreadsheet number 893).
- There are apparently no PADs (Public Access Defibrillators) within the Ward / town centre.
- A limited number of AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) are known to be present in restricted premises (i.e. the Court Office, the Corn Exchange, the Council Offices, “My Dentist”, and C & L Newsagents in London Road.
- Interest in enhancing provision has been expressed by BID and C & L Newsagents. Following emergency use of their defibrillator on 3 occasions, C & L Newsagents have launched an appeal for funds towards provision of PADs (“Your Local Paper 1st Sept 2017), see website: www.aeddonate.org.uk/projects/clnewsagents/
- Following informal contact, a prominent town centre business has expressed interest in accommodating a PAD (namely Debenhams, who have on 2 occasions used the AED located in My Dentist).
- Precise information on current non-public provision and data on usage and the views of statutory medical and emergency services (inc. front line paramedics) on assumed need for enhanced PAD provision are not known although presumably available subject to research.
- The instatement of enhanced PAD provision would benefit from a focussed and coordinated campaign (project leadership tbc.)
- There are obvious resource implications – which may be met by a combination of business and private sponsorship, local authority, grant support (i.e. BHF).
- Given its Aims as set out in the Constitution (“...to encourage and advise to foster advancement of the economic, social and environmental well-being of the ward”), after due consideration, the Committee (and the Forum) may wish to encourage and advance provision of Public Access Defibrillation units within the ward with such interest, expertise and commitment as it has available.

BF (with thanks to Jeremy Rodwell)

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