



Parish Council Defibrillator (AED) Risk Assessment

Date: 09.07.2024	Assessed by: The Assistant Clerk	Checked/Validated by: The Clerk	Location: 6 locations across the Parish.	Review date: Annual Parish Council Meeting annually
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Activity	Hazard	Who might be harmed and how	Existing measures to control risk	Risk rating	Result
Accessing AED's	Slips, trips and falls	Councillors, Clerk and members of public may be injured if they trip over uneven surfaces objects or slip on spillages.	<p>The AED's are located in areas of low congestion.</p> <p>Inspection of footpaths and grounds to ensure any maintenance issues can be rectified quickly if required.</p> <p>The AED's are in areas with a very low risk of spillage, should a spillage be found it will be cleared immediately.</p> <p>In icy conditions salt will placed in the immediate area of the AED's</p> <p>The area around the AED's are adequately lit.</p>	Medium	A
Accessing AED's Continued	Availability of AED'S	Members of public that require the AED in an emergency may have a lower chance of survival caused by delays in accessing & using the AED.	<p>There are 6 AED's located across the parish.</p> <p>They are all in visible and accessible places available 24/7.</p> <p>The AED's are clearly signed above the AED to ensure it can be easily located.</p> <p>The ambulance service has been informed of the exact location of the AED's and how to access the cabinet (instructions to call 999 are clearly labelled on the front of the AED cabinet).</p> <p>The local community have been informed via the monthly parish magazine, the parish website and the parish data base that AED's have been installed with the locations and that they are available for use.</p>	Low	A

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Accessing AED's Continued	Availability of electrodes etc.	Members of public that require the AED in an emergency may have a lower chance of survival caused by delays in accessing & using the AED.	There is one set of adult electrode pads with each AED. These pads are also for children as young as 8 and would not cause injury to younger children. As there are 6 AED's in the parish and used pads can be replaced in less than 48 hrs it is not considered necessary to have spares.	Low	A
Accessing AED's Continued	Misuse/ Vandalism/theft of AED's	Members of public that require the AED in an emergency may have a lower chance of survival caused by delays in accessing & using the AED.	The local community have been informed via the monthly parish magazine, the parish website and the parish data base that AED's have been installed and asked to encourage respect for this lifesaving device. The AED's have been taken around the local primary schools and scout group to encourage respect for this lifesaving device. AED's storage cabinets are alarmed discouraging misuse.	Medium	A

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Use of AED's	Not being able to use the AED's	Members of public that require the AED in an Emergency may have a lower chance of survival caused by delays in using the AED	Training is not required as the AED's are designed to instruct the user step by step. The AED'S are fail safe and will not shock a patient who doesn't need it.	Low	A
Maintenance/ service	The AED is not adequately maintained	Members of public that require the AED in an emergency may have a lower chance of survival caused by delays in accessing & using the AED.	A monthly checks of the AED will be carried out to ensure that the AED and cabinet is in working order as per manufacturer instructions. If the status indicator of the AED is not showing a rescue ready the manufacturer will be contacted immediately for corrective action. AED electrodes and battery will be replaced prior to expiry.	Low	A

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