



Clerk Report – Defibrillator Spares Sept 2023

Council Actions Required (agenda items)

- To determine whether NMPC wish the clerk to retain spare Defibrillator pads ‘in stock’ in the office.

Background

NMPC own and maintain a defibrillator at The Denes. The defibrillator is fitted with adult pads, ready to use, with a set of paediatric pads in the case. The defibrillator has been in situ since 2021 and whilst we have received numerous ‘alerts’ that the defibrillator may have been used it transpires that it has never been opened and the pads have never needed to be replaced within that timeframe.

Considerations

Do NMPC wish the clerk to retain spare set of pads within the office, even though these may expire without use?

- Defibrillator pads (adult) cost approx. £160
- They have a shelf life of approx. 2-3 years.
- Our current pads expire in 2026.
- Pads are available to order online, some with next day delivery (dependent on stock levels), previously there was a national shortage (in 2022) believed to be caused by EU stock issues.
- There are multiple alternative defibrillators locally (some 24hrs), Tesco/The builders merchants/ Kings Langley High Street, Druglink at Red Lion Lane (this one is on the outside wall and has 24hr access)
- Should ours not be in working order we remove it from the ambulance service system (The Circuit) so that valuable time isn’t wasted sending people to a non-active device.
- The clerk has asked other clerks what they routinely do, and the response is mixed, some retain spares, some don’t.

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