



Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Title	Member's Item
Report of	Cllr Alison Cornelius, Chairman of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wards	All
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Summary

The report informs of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of a Member's Item and requests any instructions from the Committee.

Officers Recommendations

1. That a Member's Item in the name of Councillor Geof Cooke be noted.
2. That the HOSC receive the response to the Member's Item for consideration.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 Cllr Geof Cooke has requested a Member's Item on the following matter:

A report on the deployment of defibrillators in Barnet and measures taken to maximise the chance that someone nearby will know how to use them when required.

Defibrillators in London Borough of Barnet, March 2020

Background

Defibrillation is often an important step in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). CPR is an algorithm-based intervention aimed to restore cardiac and pulmonary function. Survival rates for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests are poor, often less than 10%. Use of a heart defibrillator within 3-5 minutes of a cardiac arrest increases the chance of survival from 6% to 74%. The average ambulance response time in the UK is 8-10 minutes.

Defibrillators in Barnet

After enquiries with the Councils' Head of Safety, Health and Wellbeing, Facilities Manager, Sports and Physical Activity Manager, General Manager and Head of Library Service it was established that there are 10 defibrillators in all the main council sites and installation of a further two in Capital Way and Print Hub is imminent. Current sites are:

- Barnet House
- NLBP, Building 2
- Colindale
- Oakleigh Depot
- Hendon Town Hall

Defibrillators at leisure centres are stored at or behind the reception with locations being:

- Burnt Oak
- Copthall
- Finchley Lido
- Hendon
- New Barnet

Of the 14 libraries and 2 community libraries access to defibrillators exists in:

- New Barnet Library
- Hendon
- Colindale

Costs of defibrillators

Costs identified by London Hearts are summarised below and an estimate of ensuring installation in all the council sites is outlined.

Cost of a defibrillator without the grant from London Hearts would be £1195. With the London Hearts grant offer of £200 per defibrillator included each additional defibrillator kit and training can be purchased for £995.

The defibrillators last for 10 years and batteries (included with the kit) need to be recharged at year 5. CPR /defibrillator awareness training for 50 staff is included in the price.

Installing defibrillators in all council sites i.e. the remaining libraries (11+ 2 community libraries) would require additional £12,935 investment. British Heart Foundation have an offer to organisations to apply for defibrillators with details of the offer in -

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators>

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That a Member's Item in the name of Councillor Geof Cooke be noted.**
- 2.2 That the Council assess feasibility and considers, once Covid19 pandemic is over, installing defibrillators in the remaining libraries.**

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not Applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The views of the Committee in relation to this matter will be considered by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's principles and strategic objectives set out in the Corporate Plan 2015 – 2020.

The Council, working with local, regional and national partners, will strive to ensure that Barnet is the place:

- Of opportunity, where people can further their quality of life
- Where people are helped to help themselves
- Where responsibility is shared, fairly
- Where services are delivered efficiently to get value for money for the taxpayer

- 5.1.1 In Barnet's Wellbeing strategy 2015-2020 included in Barnet's vision is the following:
- Preparing for a healthy life
 - Wellbeing in the community

5.2 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.1 There are no financial implications for the Council.

5.3 **Social Value**

- 5.3.1 Not Applicable.

5.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.4.1 Section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013/218; Part 4 Health Scrutiny by Local Authorities provides for the establishment of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees by local authorities.

- 5.4.2 The Council's Constitution (Responsibility for Functions) sets out the terms of reference of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee as having the following responsibilities:

"To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to health issues which impact upon the residents of the London Borough of Barnet and the functions services and activities of the National Health Service (NHS) and NHS bodies located within the London Borough of Barnet and in other areas."

5.5 **Risk Management**

- 5.5.1 There are no risks.

5.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

- 5.6.1 Equality and Diversity issues are a mandatory consideration in decision making in the Council pursuant to the Equality Act 2010. This means the Council and all other organisations acting on its behalf must fulfil its equality duty when exercising a public function. The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality and good relations into day to day business, requiring equality considerations to be reflected into the design of policies and the delivery of services and for these to be kept under review.

- 5.6.2 The specific duty set out in s149 of the Equality Act is to have due regard to need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct

that is prohibited by or under this Act; Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5.6.3 The relevant protected characteristics are – age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation. Health partners as relevant public bodies must similarly discharge their duties under the Equality Act 2010 and consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

5.7 **Corporate Parenting**

None.

5.8 **Consultation and Engagement**

None

5.9 **Insight**

None

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None