

## BRIEFING NOTE

### Defibrillator Unit for Court Bushes Community Hub

1. The purpose of this note is to seek the agreement of the Committee for the purchase of a defibrillator unit and training for Court Bushes Community Hub.

2. Following the recent incident in the car park opposite the Village Centre where a gentleman died due to a heart attack, it came to light that not all four defibrillators within Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common had been registered to the emergency services and could not be accessed. This has now been rectified and the four current defibrillators have been registered:

Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club, South Avenue  
Hurstpierpoint Cricket Club, Cuckfield Road  
Hurstpierpoint West (Alley by Morleys Bistro) High Street  
Sawyers Common Village Hall (Community Shop), London Road

As both Court Bushes and the Village Centre are key facilities within the parish and used regularly by residents we have looked into costs for a defibrillator to be installed at both sites outside. This would be a locked unit that could be accessed by a member of the public if an incident occurred. The unit is semi-automatic featuring adult and paediatric switch (which means you do not have to be changing pads as it can be used on both adults and children). The device is used via voice prompt and will tell you if it is being used incorrectly. As part of the installation of the new defibrillators we would also like to provide training which is packaged with the cost of the unit. The training can be carried out in two sessions containing 12 delegates at each, or one session containing all 24 delegates for two hours and our suggestion is to have key members attend such as:

Member of staff from the library  
Member of staff from the Nursery (Hurstpierpoint Pre School)  
Member of staff from the Parish Council Office  
Member of staff from the Nursery at Court Bushes (Kiddie Capers)  
Nick as Facility Manager for both sites  
Councillor (s)

This will then leave roughly 18 places that we can advertise to traders within Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common to attend free of charge. As we have already been approached by individuals about training we feel these places will go quickly.

3. We feel that the best service provided will be from Primary Care Trust and the cost for the defibrillator and training for Court Bushes will be £1,834.80 and this also comes with a 5 year warranty for the whole unit.

The on - going costs for the unit will be to replace the battery, either because it has been used on it has expired its shelf life. The shelf life of a battery is five years once inserted and the cost for the replacement battery is £121.30. The other cost is replacement of pads, again either because of use or they have expired their shelf life. The shelf lives of the pads are two years and the cost for replacement pads are £39.00.

The unit will need to be fitted by an electrician as the unit is kept in a heat sensitive case and will need to be wired into a plug. We estimate the cost for this will be £100 per site and we would use our regular electrician.

The turnaround time for ordering and being supplied a unit is 1 week and training can be organised in due course.

4. This item was not originally identified in the Court Bushes Community Hub Budget so we ask that a recommendation is made to Finance and General Purposes Committee to source costs from elsewhere within Council budget.

*(REF: Primary Care Quotation 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 )*

**RECOMMENDATION: The Committee AGREES to support the purchase of 1 defibrillator unit Inc. training for Court Bushes Community Hub at £1,834.80 and makes a recommendation to Finance & General Purposes Committee to source costs.**

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