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Date: 13 May 2021 at 11:59:22 BST
To: Hazel ROXBY
Subject: Steyning Centre Defibrillator.

Hi Hazel,

Please could you add this too the agenda of the next council meeting as discussed?

Many thanks

Dear council members,

I am a trustee of the Steyning Area First Responders (SAFeR) responsible for public access defibrillator sites within the catchment of the Steyning Health Centre.

There are two sides to our charity. The first is funding and supporting our team of first responders who attend 999 calls and assist SECAmb.

The second is providing publicly accessible defibrillators within our area.

We currently have 7 sites where we either provided the defibrillators and/or manage them. We perform monthly checks and replace consumable or out of date supplies, check the functionality of the defibrillator and its cabinet. If we find problems

we also arrange for maintenance and, where necessary, provide temporary replacement defibrillators whilst the original is sent away for repair. All of these sites are listed on the SECamb system so their call takers can direct people to the nearest defibrillator.

During the covid pandemic the defibrillator in the Steyning Centre has been inaccessible to the public and during normal times it is only available when the centre is open.

We would like to propose a small change that will allow the defibrillator to be available to the public as well as the people using the Steyning Centre 24x7.

Our trust would like to purchase a new lockable cabinet that can be placed on the outside of the centre by the doors; the defibrillator would then be relocated into this unit to increase its availability to the public.

The SAFeR trustees have approved the £560 purchase of the cabinet and the only cost to be covered by the council would be £100+VAT to mount defibrillator cabinet to right hand side of the main entrance with connection point/isolator located in office. The electrician who has quoted for the work will supply the relevant test and certification to the centre upon completion. There is an internal light that comes on when the door is opened and a heater that keeps the battery warm during very cold periods which use minimal power.

The proposed cabinet requires a digital code to unlock it which the 999 call takers give out as required. We can supply this code to the Steyning Centre staff although 999 should always be called if a defibrillator is required.

We would like the council to approve the project at their next meeting and agree to cover the associated electrical costs of £100+VAT (£120.00). We will manage all works in collaboration with the staff at the centre to ensure it is completed quickly and with minimal impact on the running of the centre.

Finally, the trustees would greatly appreciate any further donation towards our charity's costs that the council may like to make, although this project is not contingent on that. Our objective is to make the area covered by the Steyning Health Centre as safe as possible for its residents and visitors. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping us to increase the availability of defibrillators in our community.

Kind Regards