

YOUNGHAYES CENTRE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

Introduction

On 18 January 2016, the Town Council first agreed to lease a publicly accessible defibrillator from the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust for an initial period of four years to be located on the external wall of the Younghayes Centre (ref. minute 16/14). That asset remains in situ and the lease was renewed periodically.

On 12 December 2022, the Council considered a report regarding the installation of a defibrillator at the Ingrams Pavilion and agreed to agree to Jay's Aim's offer of a publicly-accessible defibrillator and a wall-mounted cabinet free of charge to be installed at the building (ref. minute 22/222). The latter arrangement includes the Town Council being responsible for regularly checking the unit and for the purchase and installation of replacement parts.

Gifting of Defibrillator

Because of its age and the length of the outgoing lease, the Town Council is eligible to have the defibrillator and cabinet at the Younghayes Centre gifted to it. Attached is the Trust's gifting letter dated 12 February 2025 which remains unsigned.

When the lease expires on 3 March 2025, the Council could take ownership of the unit and cabinet, meaning that any maintenance would fall to the Council along with the cost of replacement pads which range from £47-£100 after each use or every 24 months at the time of writing. The Council would also need to replace the battery approximately every five years at £210 at the time of writing.

There is sufficient budgetary provision in budget 4321 (Younghayes Centre Routine Maintenance).

Recommendation(s)

To accept the gifting of the publicly accessible defibrillator at the Younghayes Centre and to agree to the conditions set out in the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust gifting letter dated 12 February 2025.