REPORT TO THE FULL TOWN COUNCIL

DEFIBRILLATORS

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1. Background

Maltby Town Council own 7 defibrillators which have a limited lifespan.

The Council's current model of defibrillator is the IPad SP1, which is still in production. Given the cost and availability of pads and batteries, it could be considered to stick with that brand.

The alternative brand would be ZOLL AED 3. Although this is more expensive, pads and batteries are also more expensive. If the Council were to consider purchasing a ZOLL AED 3, a potential site would be Edward Dunn, as the defibrillator features a display screen.

2. Lifespan & Replacement

Defibrillators have a life span of between 8 and 10 years.

The actual lifespan of a defibrillator depends on many factors, including:

- The brand and type of defibrillator.
- Placement conditions. Dust, moisture, and temperature fluctuations can negatively impact the device's electronics.
- Maintenance frequency and quality. Whether and how often maintenance has been carried out.
- For defibrillators covered by a service contract, the policy is to stop issuing approval stickers for devices older than 10 years. This ensures users do not have a false sense of security.
- The 10-year replacement advice applies to all defibrillators, even those never used in resuscitation. This is due to the device's technical lifespan.

Maltby Town Council owns seven defibrillators, listed below, along with their purchase dates.

1. Edward Dunn - purchased in 2019
2. Haynook – purchased in 2018
3. St Bartholomew's Church – purchased in 2019
4. Catholic Club – purchased in 2019
5. Bevan Crescent – purchased in 2019
6. Ascension Close – purchased in 2019
7. Maltby Main – purchased in 2020

The Council own a spare defibrillator which is out of date.

3. Defibrillator

The cost of a replacement IPad SP1 defibrillator is £895 excluding VAT.

4. Recommendation

The Clerk recommends that the Council consider establishing an EMR specifically for the purchase of defibrillators with a view to purchasing replacements in 2018.

5. Grange Lane

Jones Homes are required to obtain the planning consent for our development off Grange Lane at Maltby to provide a defibrillator. Jones Homes would like Maltby Town Council to become the guardians of the defibrillator once it has been purchased.

New pads for a defibrillator cost £50, while a new battery costs £200. Pads must be changed if the defibrillator has been used. It is difficult to estimate running costs as it depends on how often the machine has been used.