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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Response by the Portfolio Holder:

As requested, please find attached a copy of the Eluned Morgan AS/MS, response to the Councils correspondence dated the 26th October 2021.

Strategic Property have written to all service areas requesting that defibrillators are registered on 'The Circuit' (The National Defibrillator Network). This request is in line with Welsh Government guidance regarding registration. The list of registered defibrillators can be accessed using this [link](#). Once this process is complete, gap analysis will be undertaken to inform potential investment decisions going forward.

Work is ongoing to improve the accessibility of defibrillators under the control of Powys County Council. Strategic Property are currently looking into the possibility of relocating existing defibrillators installed within corporate offices to external locations to increase accessibility outside of specified office opening hours. Funding for this improvement will be secured from existing building revenue budgets.

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Minute Item 1

Eluned Morgan AS/MS
Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services



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Ein cyf/Our ref EM/13609/21

County Councillor Gwynfor Thomas
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9 November 2021

Dear Councillor Thomas,

Thank you for your email of 26 October asking for support to extend the availability of publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillators throughout Wales and to promote their use and training within the education system.

I recognise how effective defibrillators can be and the impact they can make in terms of survival in the event of a cardiac arrest.

Early Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and prompt use of a defibrillator can increase a person's chance of surviving a cardiac arrest. The Welsh Government wants to see good coverage of defibrillators across the country, as well as more people who feel confident to use them and to undertake CPR. To achieve this, the Welsh Government published our Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Plan and formed the Save a Life Cymru Partnership. We have provided funding to the Save a Life Cymru campaign, which is working with organisations across Wales to raise awareness of the importance of CPR training and the use of defibrillators through the 'Touch Someone's Life' campaign. Part of this work concerns the current and future management of defibrillators; as currently defibrillators are purchased by a range of organisations, including charities and community groups.

You may be aware of the recent update I provided to Senedd members on the progress implementing the Out of Hospital Cardiac arrest plan and also the work of Save a Life Cymru, which can be found at: <https://gov.wales/written-statement-update-progress-implementing-out-hospital-cardiac-arrest-plan>.

Communities and organisations which already have defibrillators are being encouraged to register them on [The Circuit](#) – more than 5,420 are registered. Just under 50 per cent of these defibrillators are registered with guardians who make sure they are ready for use with regular checks on batteries and pads. We recognise there are still a significant number of defibrillators within communities which are not currently registered and which do not have guardians and would encourage your council to work with Save a Life Cymru and the Welsh Ambulance Service to ensure that all the defibrillators within your council area are both

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

registered on The Circuit and have a guardian. There is an online mapping tool which can be publically accessed here:

<https://111.wales.nhs.uk/LocalServices/default.aspx?s=DefibrillatorLocations&locale=en>.

You may wish to note that Save a Life Cymru will shortly be advertising for community support officers to work locally with organisations within each local health board area, you may wish to work in collaboration with them once appointed. Should you wish to contact Save a Life Cymru to discuss joint working they can be contacted via:

SaveALifeCymru@wales.nhs.uk.

Finally, you might like to highlight to the community groups and organisations within your area that a further £500,000 is being made available this year for the purchase of more defibrillators across Wales. The application process for applying for one of the Welsh Government funded defibrillators is now open and further details can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/apply-for-a-community-public-access-defibrillator>.

I am grateful for the Council's support in taking forward this life saving initiative.

Yours sincerely,



Eluned Morgan AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services

Defibrillator locations

Could all services please ensure that they have registered any defibrillators they have installed on the National Defibrillator Network – The Circuit – as it is vital that this information is available to all staff and the public.

We currently have them registered at: County Hall, The Gwalia, Neuadd Brycheiniog, The Park and Ladywell House.

Please go to <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/national-defibrillator-network-the-circuit> and follow the registration process, if you have one to add.

Also, please forward to property.services@powys.gov.uk the locations of any you have installed so we can inform all staff.

Always remember in the case of an emergency dial 999.

To find your nearest defibrillator go to [NHS 111 Wales - Services near you](#)

Property Services

Lleoliad deffibrileiddwyr

A allai'r holl wasanaethau sicrhau eu bod wedi cofrestru unrhyw deffibrileiddwyr y maent wedi'u gosod ar y Rhwydwaith Deffibrileiddwyr Cenedlaethol – *The Circuit* – gan ei bod yn hanfodol fod y wybodaeth hon ar gael i'r holl staff a'r cyhoedd.

Ar hyn o bryd, rydym wedi eu cofrestru yn Neuadd y Sir, Y Gwalia, Neuadd Brycheiniog, Y Parc a Thŷ Ladywell.

Edrychwch ar <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/national-defibrillator-network-the-circuit> a dilyn y broses gofrestru, os oes gennych un i'w ychwanegu.

Anfonwch neges e-bost hefyd at property.services@powys.gov.uk o ran lleoliadau unrhyw deffibrileiddwyr yr ydych wedi eu gosod fel y gallwn roi gwybod i'r holl staff.

Cofiwch i ffonio 999 bob tro mewn achos o argyfwng.

I ganfod eich deffibrileiddwyr agosaf, ewch at [GIG 111 Cymru – Gwasanaethau yn agos atoch chi](#)

Gwasanaethau Eiddo

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