

External Cabinet Defibrillator and Signage

Location: Chapel Methodist Church (Townend)

The cabinet and defibrillator to be installed will be purchased through the Community Heartbeat Trust.

The preferred location for the external cabinet is adjacent to the main entrance to the church. It is on a section of the where there is an access ramp with sufficient room for the cabinet to be located without restricting general access. There is also a light with motion sensor at the location which will therefore provide additional light in an emergency.

We believe that the church is an ideal location for the defibrillator due to the number of groups that use the premises and also the community in which it is based i.e. the closeness of the Warmbrook estate, the locality of well used shops e.g. Halls Mica hardware, hairdressing shops and Fosters and the pubs Shoulder of Mutton and Pack Horse.

Use:

The cabinet will house a cPAD defibrillator (Community Public Access Defibrillator) and the site will be registered with the ambulance service.

In the event of an incident a member of public would need to call 999 and speak to the ambulance service who would confirm the location of the nearest defibrillator.

They would provide the access code for the cabinet and provide telephone assistance in the use of the defibrillator until an ambulance or medic would arrive.

Requirements for the installation of the cabinet:

External defibrillator cabinets must be placed at a height of 1.10m from the ground and must not exceed 1.30m.

The cabinet must be accessible; it should be clearly visible in an emergency and must have wall signage to indicate the presence of the defibrillator site.

The proposal is to place a triangular 30x30x30cm sign above the existing wall notice board and an A4 defibrillator sign above the cabinet with another on the opposite side of the pillar. See pictures. This will provide visibility of the location of the cabinet from the main road / footpath and also from the well used walkway going past the church to the primary school and estate on Warmbrook Road.

The cabinet:

The cabinet size is 500x350x180mm, it is made from 2mm stainless steel and will be HiVis yellow in colour. It is IP65 rated i.e. dirt and storm proof.

It has reinforced and secure mountings and has a very high rating for vandal resistance.

Mains power is required as it contains a heater to ensure the defibrillator is in a functioning state in cold weather. Power from the church will be connected via an RCD and isolator switch.

Access to the cabinet is via a key pad lock operation which is provided by the ambulance service on calling 999.

The church would provide regular monitoring of the cabinet and defibrillator to ensure that it is in good working order. These maintenance checks will need to be recorded on line with the ambulance service.

