

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Defibrillator policy

Introduction

Following the last council meeting the Town Clerk was asked to prepare a policy for the location of defibrillators in the area, in particular taking into account rural areas.

Issues to consider

From research the following is of note:

In order for the patient to have the best chance of surviving an out of hospital cardiac arrest, CPR and early defibrillation must be provided within the first 3-4 minutes of the cardiac arrest, followed by advanced life support within the first 8 minutes of the arrest.

Each defibrillator should ideally be possible to fetch within 4 minutes – 2 minutes there and 2 minutes back. If you're walking briskly, that means the defibrillator needs to be within 200 metres of where it's needed.

Policy

The following policy is for when the council is considering the placing of defibrillators in the Llanfair Caereinion Town Council ward.

When considering the location for a defibrillator it should meet the following criteria:

- i) The defibrillator should ideally be possible to fetch within 4 minutes – 2 minutes there and 2 minutes back. If you're walking briskly, that means the defibrillator needs to be within 200 metres of where it's needed, a car maybe further.
- ii) The location must be visible and not cause any safety issues.
- iii) Subject to funding being available.

Each defibrillator is to be included on the Town Clerk's weekly visits, tested weekly and recorded on The Circuit.

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Town Clerk