

## Information on Defibrillators

The Parish Council currently lease a defibrillator at a cost of £2160 (including VAT) for four years, this is located in a cabinet (unlocked) on the wall outside the school.

The lease is due for renewal in August 2022.

Councillors have requested that other options be researched before a decision is made about renewing the contract for another four years.

### Leasing a Defibrillator

The current defibrillator is leased from South Western Ambulance Service

There are quite a few companies now who will lease the machines from £1 per day, terms of the lease tend to be for four to five years, new defib machine replacement, installation and training, full maintenance and service of the machine, onsite health checks, pad and battery management, exclusive replacement scheme after use of error message displayed, signage, resuscitation and orientation DVD, protective hard casing.

Companies offering this service are South Western Ambulance Service, Defib Machines, Red Cross First Aid Training, Rentafib, Defib Warehouse, plus others

They all offer slightly different packages so further research would need to be carried to discover a package suitable for the Council.

### Purchasing a Defibrillator

There is a huge selection available with prices starting from £700 and go up to about £2,500, cabinets would also need to be purchased as the current one would be removed if the current lease was cancelled. Boxes start at £300.

A maintenance programme would also need to be set up to replace the pads and batteries and these will cost anything from £20 to £300.

Funding for purchasing a defibrillator used to be available from the British Heart Foundation but they have currently closed the funding for the moment, but of the criteria is that it is connected to an electricity supply which the current one is not and funding doesn't include the cost of the cabinet.

### Notes

I would recommend that the Parish Council stay with the current supplier as the machine is in situ, residents know where it is and are happy with how it works. It would only be slightly cheaper moving to a different company if the Parish Council continued to lease and rapport would need to be built up again with the company.

Purchasing would be cheaper and would be a one-off large expense as at the moment the Parish Council need to budget every year for it (about £500 a year). Funding also might be difficult to obtain as the village already have a machine, they are just looking to replace it.