

Agenda Item: Bleed Kit Request
Meeting Date: 18 November 2024
Contact Officer: Operations Manager

Background

A request has been received for the installation of a Bleed Kit Cabinet in Witney.



Current Situation

Witney Town Council currently maintains 7 defibrillators across Witney, which are publicly accessible, through locked cabinets. The bleed kits would be available through the same process, available 24/7 and when someone requires access, they would ring 999 to unlock the cabinet. The purpose of the Bleed Kit Cabinet is to offer medical supplies to help deal with a serious bleed, such as a knife attack. They can hold up to 6 bleed control kits which include everything required to handle serious bleeds.

There is no demand for the installation of a bleed kit cabinet, however, when the situation arises it would then be in place to help deal with the emergency.

Unlike defibrillators, bleed kit cabinets don't require power for lighting or heating, which makes installation easier. However, due to limited suppliers, they are not currently supplied with post-mounting options, which makes finding an installation point harder. The obvious

installation point would be beside the phone boxes in the Town Hall, which would require the relevant permissions.

Impact Assessments

The Town Council has a duty to consider the effects of its decisions, functions and activities on equality, biodiversity, and crime & disorder. Consideration should also be given to effects on the environment, given the Council's Climate Emergency declaration in 2019.

- a) Equality -
- b) Biodiversity -
- c) Crime & Disorder – The knife crime statistics in the Thames Valley are below the national rate and knife crime incidents which are reported in Witney aren't to the level which may require the installation of bleed kits.
- d) Environment & Climate Emergency -

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

The council have received the request to install a bleed kit, and if was a need for it in future and the request was found to be rejected then this could generate bad press for the council.

Financial implications

- Lockable Bleed Control Cabinet: £330.00 ex VAT
- 4 bleed control kits: £339.96 ex VAT
- Defibrillator Expenditure, 4166/402 has £2,610 remaining for the 2024-25 financial year, the cost to replace a defibrillator unit is around £1,200 and batteries cost £300 each. There are currently 2 defibrillators requiring batteries and it is unknown when the next defibrillator will have to be replaced.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and

1. If interested in the insulation of a bleed control cabinet delegate officers to report back to the council with an installation location.