

Emergency Bleed Control Cabinet and Kits.

Cllr Diane Archer has proposed that Wroughton Parish Council purchases and installs a locked emergency bleed control cabinet designed to store up to 6 emergency bleed kits on the exterior of the Ellendune Community Centre, next to the defibrillator, together with at least 2 emergency bleed control kits. This would ensure there is public access to an emergency bleed control kit in the centre of Wroughton. Public access to the cabinet is the same as to the defibrillator – members of the public need to ring 999 to request the access code.

There is no budget for this, costs would need to be taken from General Reserves.

This would be in addition to the 2 bleed kits suggested to be combined with the 2 new defibrillators at Alexandra Park and Wroughton Business Park.

There are currently 18 emergency bleed kits in central and north Swindon, but none south of the M4. A bleed kit allows for a prompt response in an emergency to severe, life-threatening bleeding, significantly increasing the chances of survival and reducing complications. With extreme, catastrophic bleeding, someone can bleed to death in 3-4 minutes: <https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/knife-crime-serious-bleeding/>

Providing a bleed kit shows a commitment to the safety and well-being of local residents, an investment in health and safety which can save lives.

For more information see below:

<https://www.owensworldfoundation.co.uk/bleed-control-kits-about>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-63090272>

<https://www.scas.nhs.uk/bleed-control-kits-could-help-save-lives/>

Locked emergency bleed control cabinets start at £396 +VAT: <https://www.first-aid-online.co.uk/catastrophic-bleeding-polycarbonate-cabinet-locked-1392-p.asp>

Bleed control kits start at £60-£80 each: <https://www.first-aid-online.co.uk/public-access-bleed-control-kits-159-c.asp>

Members would need to purchase both the cabinet and the emergency bleed control kit(s) to go in it. We have contacted Owens World Foundation and would recommend placing any order via them.

Recommendation

Members consider purchasing and installing a locked emergency bleed control cabinet and 2 bleed kits via OwensWorldFoundation.co.uk on the exterior of the Ellendune Community Centre, next to the defibrillator cabinet, at a total cost of approximately £560 + VAT.