

Criteria review- defibrillators

- To help someone who is in cardiac arrest effectively, a defibrillator needs to be found as quickly as possible. For every minute it takes someone to reach a defibrillator to be delivered a shock, their chances of survival reduce.
- Typically, defibrillators cost between £800 and £2,500.
- Current guidance states that the costs associated with purchasing defibrillators cannot be funded within South Cambridgeshire District Council's Community Chest Grant scheme. There is no government support to buy defibrillators and the British Heart Foundation, who used to part fund defibrillators, have paused their offer due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Due to the rural location of many of South Cambridgeshire villages, the time taken to travel to the nearest defibrillator or Doctor's surgery may have a significant effect on survival.
- Including public access defibrillators (PADs) within the Community Chest Grant scheme would:
 - Meet local need and leave a legacy for the community
 - Ensure equality of access
 - Help Promote healthy and active communities