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Public access defibrillators in Porthcawl increased!

Working in partnership, Porthcawl Town Council and Porthcawl Community First Responders have increased the number of Public Access Defibrillators (PAD) in the town for the public to access in an emergency.

During the last six months the Town Council have provided funding of £5,000 to work with Porthcawl Community First Responders to provide an extra five Public Access Defibrillators throughout Porthcawl. These are available 24/7 and are located in secure cabinets at the Porthcawl Ambulance Station, Nottage Stores, The Old School Room (Newton Green), Rest Bay Lifeguard Station and Porthcawl Harbour.

Public Access Defibrillators are a great piece of life-saving equipment which can be vitally important to someone who has experienced a cardiac arrest. They can be accessed by anybody in an emergency situation by simply obtaining the security code to the cabinet from Ambulance Control via 999. Porthcawl Community First Responders do provide 'Awareness and Practice Sessions' for the general public on how to use them and more sessions will be scheduled over the coming weeks and months.

Mayor of Porthcawl Cllr. Norah Clarke commented, "*Partnership working in the town is vital to be able to provide items like defibrillators within Porthcawl. Defibrillators are a great piece of equipment and could make the difference between life and death. The Town Council are very pleased to have worked with Porthcawl Community First Responders to provide these invaluable pieces of equipment.*"

For more information about attending an 'Awareness and Practice Session' or other information about Porthcawl Community First Responders please visit www.porthcawl-cfr.org.uk. or email info@porthcawl-cfr.org.uk

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