

Agenda item 13

Committee	Assets & Services
Month	March 2021
Report Title	Blood Control Kit
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Attachments	None

Summary:

The Council has been approached by a member of the public following the broadcast of BBC's Crime Watch tv programme in which a lady who lost her son as a result of a stabbing was told, by a Doctor, that had an Emergency Bleed Control kit been available in the locality his life could have been saved. The is kit designed to help control and stop severe bleeding. The lady who lost her son has set up a charity to try to prevent such a tragedy happening elsewhere and units are now being installed in towns and cities across the country.

After a major injury or trauma either in a public area or in a workplace, it is critical to control the bleed until the Ambulance Service can take over and help the patient. In most cases, the Ambulance will not arrive before the patient has lost a critical amount of blood, it is therefore essential the public intervene to control the bleed and in doing so could save a life. None of the medical devices in the Emergency Bleed Control Kit require training to use and the 999 Operator will be able to talk the user through the process. Instructions are also included inside the cabinet.

Saffron Walden already has a defibrillator unit in the telephone box on the Market Square and this area would be an ideal location to instal a Bleed Control kit. The kits are available in lockable cabinets and installed for £500.



Recommendation

It is recommended the Council purchase a kit for emergency use.