

6 December 2022

Dear

ATISN 16914 – Save a Life Cymru AED's

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 29 November 2022. You have requested the following:

- 1. Can you please confirm how much funding has been given to Save a Life Cymru (SaLC) with regards to public access defibrillators (AEDs)?*
- 2. How many were purchased?*
- 3. Of those purchased how many have now been allocated and now publicly available in Welsh Communities?*

Our Response

Some of the information you have requested can be found in the public domain and for your convenience, I have provided links to where you can locate the information you are seeking.

Statements were issued on 15 October 2021 and 25 February 2022 allocating a total of £1 million to Save a Life Cymru for the purchase of defibrillators for which community groups and organisations could apply. Copies of these statements can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

On 14 October 2022, Welsh Government provided an update to the scheme which can be found [here](#)

Press notices which you may find helpful:

[New funding to increase defibrillator access in Wales | GOV.WALES](#)
['We are committed to improving community access to defibrillators to boost cardiac arrest survival rates,' vows Health Minister | GOV.WALES](#)

In total, 1,000 defibrillators were purchased with the £1 million funding provided.

- 672 defibrillator requests from community groups have been approved. 250 defibrillators have been distributed so far. The remaining applicants are in the process of preparing for the installation of the defibrillators (for example, by securing the storage cabinet and identifying the guardian required) and they are all being contacted by Save a Life Cymru to ascertain progress so the equipment can be released to them when they are ready.
- 250 have been allocated to larger community projects working in partnership with the Football Association of Wales, Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust and South Wales Fire and Rescue.

- A number of applications are currently being reviewed in relation to the allocation of the remaining 78 defibrillators, and any not allocated via this process will be used to support larger projects.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,