

Arrhythmia Alliance: Defibs in Schools



Arrhythmia Alliance's successful 2013 **Defibs in Schools** program raised awareness of the urgent need for life saving AEDs to be made available in all schools. As a result, in 2014 the UK government pledged to support this initiative and ensure AEDs were part of each school's essential first aid kit.

In September 2014, Arrhythmia Alliance is delighted to be able to launch **Defibs in Schools** for a second year, and so continue this life saving work to place AEDs and offer educational tools to raise awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) and emergency life saving skills.

Each year more than 100,000 people die from sudden cardiac arrest in the UK; this is more than lung cancer, breast cancer and AIDs combined. CPR and early defibrillation with an AED (automated external defibrillator) can increase SCA survival from 5% to over 50%.

If your school would like to be part of the Arrhythmia Alliance – **Defibs in Schools** project, please register your interest now by completing the application form and sending it by email or post to the address listed below.

All applications need to meet the following criteria. As we foresee a high level of interest in this opportunity, all applications will be managed on a first come basis. We strongly advise interested schools not to delay completing their application and launching Defibs in Schools project. Only representatives from a UK school seeking to place an AED in the school, are eligible to apply.

To be awarded an AED by Arrhythmia Alliance under the Defibs in Schools project, schools must:

- Provide either: a short film of why the staff and pupils would like to place an AED at their school
OR Provide a written summary with photographs of the school holding a 'Know Your Pulse' (KYP) event
- Adopt Arrhythmia Alliance as its fundraising charity and donate at least £400 to the charity
- Secure full permission for all shared photographs of the AED placement, awareness activities and fundraising events, which may be used by Arrhythmia Alliance

Support materials for awareness and fundraising events are available free of charge from Arrhythmia Alliance and will be highlighted to all applicants. Please note, Arrhythmia Alliance will require the film / Know Your Pulse summary and minimum £400 fundraising donation to be submitted prior to Arrhythmia Alliance sending your school the AED. Full details of the AED being supplied can be obtained from l.yates@heartrhythmalliance.org

Visit our website

www.defibssavelives.org

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Your application for Arrhythmia Alliance Defibs in Schools Project

Name of School
Address
Contact Name
Position within School
Contact Telephone Number
Contact Email Address
Number of Pupils
Number of staff members (estimate)
Does your school host community events outside school hours?
How many staff are already trained in first aid and the use of an AED?
Are you currently engaged in any other activities that address the issue of preventing death from sudden cardiac arrest? If yes, please explain
Please add any other information you feel is relevant to your application

Signed:

Date:

Head Teacher Signature:

Date:

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this application, we will be in touch if you have been successful.



Please return this form to:
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