

Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority



MEETING	Fire Authority
DATE OF MEETING	8 June 2016
OFFICER	Neil Boustred, Head of Service Delivery
LEAD MEMBER	Community Protection
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Thames Valley Cardiac Arrest Response Pilot
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>The purpose of this report and presentation is to apprise the Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the pilot scheme which has been commenced to extend the established co-responding scheme to include the deployment of Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service (BFRS) assets, complete with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and Oxygen Therapy to confirmed Cardiac Arrest incidents; and b) the feedback received from BFRS employees to the staff consultation conducted in advance of the commencement of pilot.
ACTION	Information.
RECOMMENDATIONS	That the report be noted.
RISK MANAGEMENT	The pilot meets the objectives of the 2015-2020 Corporate Plan; to provide a timely and proportionate response to incidents by allocating our assets and resources in relation to risk and demand.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	The total outlay for this pilot will be covered within the existing service delivery budget.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	<p>The ambulance service owes a duty of care to members of the public as part of the health service and is in a different category from the fire service or the police (Kent v Griffiths [2001] QB 36, Court of Appeal). Any corporate liability arising from this distinction will be dealt by way of indemnities agreed between SCAS and the Authority.</p> <p>BFRS employees remain fully indemnified by the Authority from personal liability whether participating in the existing or in the pilot scheme.</p>
CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF	A collaborative approach has been taken throughout development; Royal Berkshire, Oxfordshire and

<p>COLLABORATION</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire fire and rescue services are working in partnership with SCAS to develop this pilot across the Thames Valley.</p>
<p>HEALTH AND SAFETY</p>	<p>Risk assessments have been completed.</p>
<p>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY</p>	<p>A People Impact Assessment has been completed.</p>
<p>USE OF RESOURCES</p>	<p>Communication with stakeholders;</p> <p>The staff consultation lasted for three weeks, between March 7 and March 29 2016. Representative bodies were fully involved by first signing a letter to demonstrate their support for this scheme and then by assisting to develop the questions for the online survey and developing the initial draft guidance document circulated for wider consultation.</p> <p>Representatives of the Fire Brigades Union, Fire Officers Association and elected representatives of non-trades union affiliated employees have been consulted through the Joint Consultation Forum and support the pilot.</p> <p>The feedback from staff was cross sectional, representative and very positive (see Appendix 1)</p> <p>Regular meetings with SCAS have taken place to develop the pilot in a way that best suit their needs.</p> <p>Regular meetings with the other Thames Valley FRS's have taken place to ensure a collaborative approach is taken in regard to this pilot.</p> <p>The system of internal control;</p> <p>The pilot will be subject to regular review within the six month period and should any new risks or issues be identified they will be managed appropriately.</p>
<p>PROVENANCE SECTION & BACKGROUND PAPERS</p>	<p>Background</p> <p>This simultaneous deployment, alongside our colleagues in South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) aims to achieve faster interventions and better outcomes for victims of out of hospital Cardiac Arrest.</p> <p>It is well documented that the community response to out of hospital Cardiac Arrest plays an important part in improving patient outcomes; where defibrillation within 3–5 min of collapse can produce survival rates as high as 50–70%. In the UK, fewer than 2% of victims currently have an AED deployed before the ambulance arrives, (Source: Resuscitation Council Guidelines, 2015) and we aim to improve this statistic.</p> <p>Approval by the Authority to a BMKFA/SCAS Co-responding Scheme Agreement</p> <p>Meeting of the Fire Authority 15 September 2010</p>

Thames Valley Cardiac Arrest Response Pilot

	<p>Minute FA 19</p> <p>Update to the Authority BMKFA/SCAS Co-responding Scheme</p> <p>Meeting of the Fire Authority 8 June 2011 Minute FA 13</p>
APPENDICES	Appendix 1: Thames Valley Cardiac Response Pilot Presentation
TIME REQUIRED	20 minutes.
REPORT ORIGINATOR AND CONTACT	Simon Tuffley stuffley@bucksfire.gov.uk 07766781389