

1. Is there a register of defibrillator locations in Chorley District available through any local source or or can one be compiled?

*Response from Cheryl Pickstock, North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust, Paramedic and chain of survival Lead email: cheryl.pickstock@nwas.nhs.uk*

*It is very difficult to provide an up to date AED map as such within any area as changes occur, deployments occur which means aed's aren't available at all times, and also new aed's are coming on board every day. What is also a problem for North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) is that unless the owner of an AED registers this with NWAS we can't deploy it to someone if we don't know about it.*

*The emphasis of knowing where your nearest AED is is to make a 999 call and recognise early that an emergency has occurred and to make that call early. When an address of an emergency is confirmed the c3 system will automatically generate the nearest AED within 200m of that vicinity only when the call taker seems suitable.*

*Access to aed's should be controlled to ensure that the AED is deployable at all times. If the AED was taken by just anyone at anytime we have no record of this and this leaves both patients and users at risk. NWAS strongly recommend a new AED is registered asap.*

*In regards to ownership and maintenance it's up to the responsibility of the owners to ensure the AED is maintained with in date batteries and pads and inform NWAS should there be any deviation from this*

*It is important to ensure the checks on an AED are done weekly to make sure that AED s are deployable and operational at all times.*

2. How are the needs of vulnerable individuals and the likelihood of increased social isolation going to be addressed following the withdrawal of community transport facilities?

*A response will come directly from Lancashire County Council.*

3. As funding is being withdrawn from many local community groups and volunteers are being expected to take over, what is being done to prepare for this and to provide volunteers with the support and resilience to continue with the provision of services?

*Response from Chorley Council*

*Chorley Council already proactively works with the community to enable them to manage community centres, community groups and volunteering. If more facilities are being managed by the community Chorley Council will monitor the situation and provide support where possible.*

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