

THE GEORGE & DRAGON HOTEL

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Kirkbymoorside Town Council
Church House
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Dear Councillors,

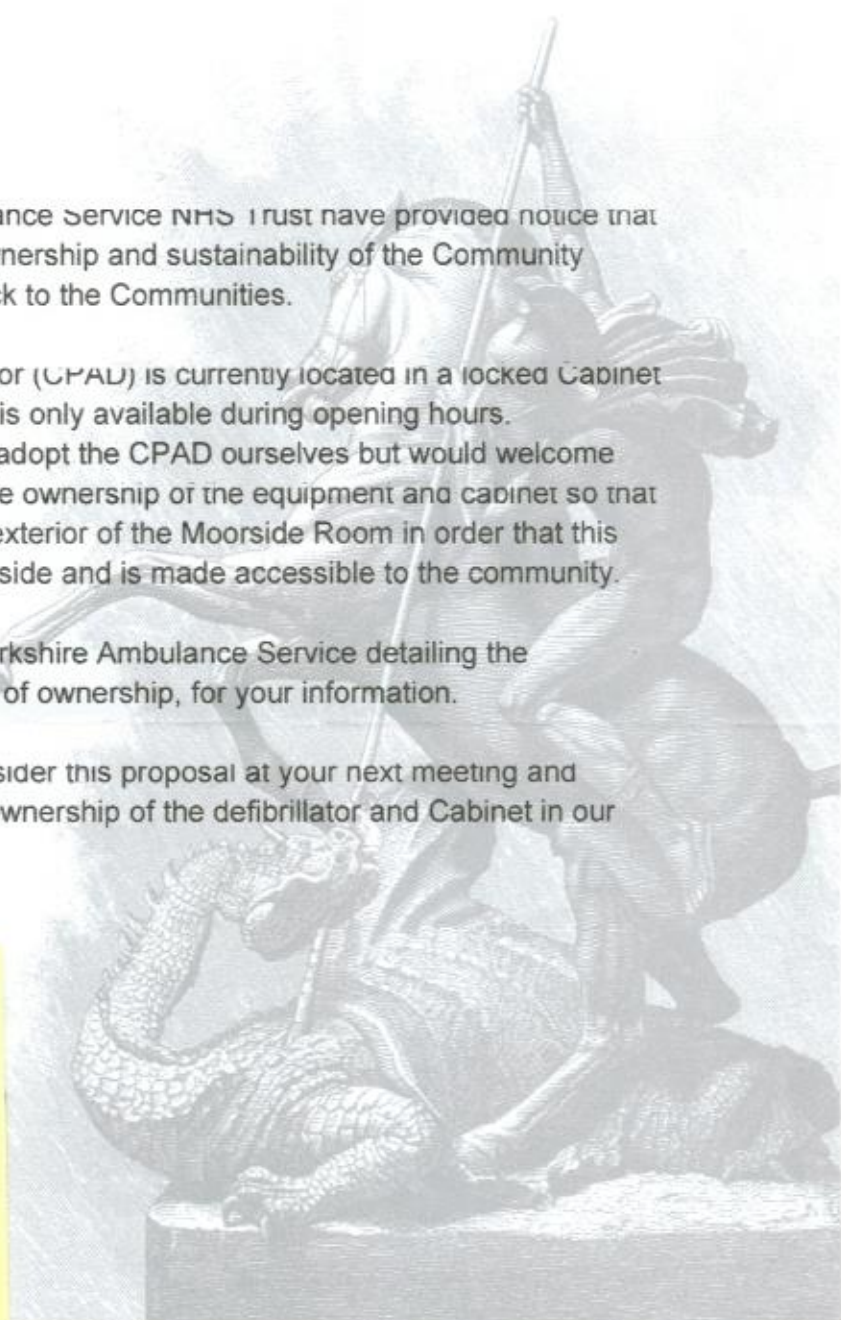
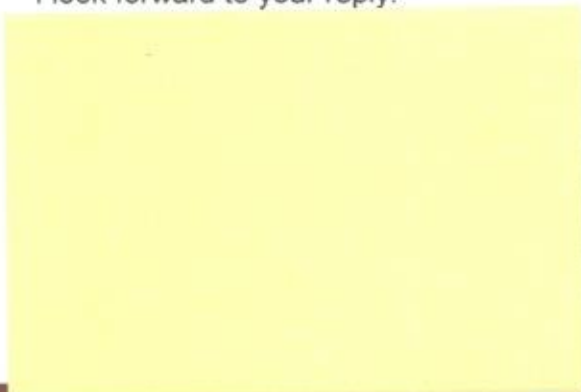
Please be advised that Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust have provided notice that they are in the process of transferring ownership and sustainability of the Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPADs) back to the Communities.

The Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) is currently located in a locked Cabinet inside the George & Dragon lounge so it is only available during opening hours. Unfortunately we are not in a position to adopt the CPAD ourselves but would welcome consideration by the Town Council to take ownership of the equipment and cabinet so that it may be relocated and installed on the exterior of the Moorside Room in order that this vital equipment is retained in Kirkbymoorside and is made accessible to the community.

Enclosed is the correspondence from Yorkshire Ambulance Service detailing the responsibilities involved with the transfer of ownership, for your information.

It would be appreciated if you would consider this proposal at your next meeting and confirm by reply if you agree to take on ownership of the defibrillator and Cabinet in our Community.

I look forward to your reply.





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On behalf of Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust, I have previously sent this correspondence to your e mail address and at this time, we have no record of receiving any response. Can I kindly request that you review this document at your earliest convenience please.

I wanted to contact you regarding the Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) currently located in a locked Cabinet within a specific location of your Parish.

You may be aware these devices and cabinets were provided by Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust in 2014. In total we placed 100 cabinets and defibrillators across the Yorkshire region our ambitions were, and still are to save more lives across the Yorkshire region from sudden Cardiac Arrest.

We are keen to ensure resilience and sustainability of these devices across our Communities and at this time we are looking to replace the original cabinets which also will include the replacement of the Defibrillator consumables such as the battery and the Electrodes, this will give each device at least 2 years before any further consumables requiring replacing.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service once again have made a significant investment at this time with this offer of a replacement programme however this is subject to transferring ownership and sustainability back to the Parish Council's and Communities.

There is no obligation for YAS to continue to maintain these devices and I must inform you that we are no longer in a position to do so. We must standardise our arrangements across the county and with over 1,200 defibrillators logged in our Ambulance Control systems it is not feasible for YAS to maintain the cost of all these devices.

We will happily hand ownership of the devices to the Parish Council's or Communities. The machines will become Parish Council or Community assets along with future associated costs.

At this time the machines remain fit for use as long as the indicators are showing green: this shows that the machines' self-tests have all come back positive. The machines should be checked on a weekly basis to ensure the machines remain fit for use and that the pads/electrodes are in date.

Consumables (pads and batteries) can be purchased direct from the supplier Cardiac Science on 0161 9260000. The replacement cost of electrodes after 2 years or if used in a cardiac arrest scenario would be £25:00 inclusive of VAT.

The replacement cost for the battery (free within 4 years) would be £198:00 inclusive of VAT. The new cabinets will have a two year warranty; they are made of stainless steel and will include a breather drain which will prevent the build-up of condensation. They have significantly improved in standards, quality and cost in this period so replacement of the cabinet does not need to be considered for at least eight years, at this time a replacement would cost £478:00 inclusive of VAT

The defibrillator in the cabinet has a seven year warranty so a three year warrant remains on the product. Furthermore no maintenance is required on the defibrillator as this device delivers a self-test each day at 03:03 am each day. The replacement of these devices does not require consideration until around 2029 as the device should function perfectly. Cardiac Science will continue to support you and your community both through the warranty period and beyond if required

I know that you will be disappointed with this decision but I hope you can understand the significant cost implication with over 1,200 CPAD's across Yorkshire

We remain available for free advice, download and debriefing and we can provide familiarisation sessions for your community at a cost of £200 per session (1.5 hour session with no limit on numbers attending). This is optional.

If you do not wish to take ownership of the devices we will retrieve the defibrillator from the cabinet but we will leave the cabinet in place. Please indicate your decision on the slip below and return to the address above or email [REDACTED]

Please do not hesitate to contact this department if you require further clarification.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Head of Community Resilience
[REDACTED]

Name

Job Title

Organisation

Contact details

We agree to take on ownership of the defibrillator and Cabinet in our Community

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We do not wish to take on ownership of the Defibrillator and cabinet. Please
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