

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

COUNCIL – 19 JULY 2022

Mrs Naomi Issitt submitted the following question to the Leisure and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder, Councillor Roberts:

“Can Rugby Borough Council repeat their call for residents, schools, business and communities to install external defibrillators and can the Council install new defibrillators in council-owned spaces – and can Council say what actions they are taking to identify and place new defibrillators across areas of high public footfall and council-owned spaces including parking areas, public parks, and leisure facilities?”

Councillor Roberts, Leisure and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder, to reply as follows:

“Rugby Borough Council supports the campaign to develop the provision of community defibrillators across the borough and recognises the importance of appropriate publicly available equipment. The Council wrote to all Rugby borough businesses, sport and community organisations, with two key asks:

1. To register any existing community defibrillators on The Circuit to ensure the ambulance service has the correct up to date information in case of emergency.
2. To consider installing a community defibrillator on their premises and where information and potential funding support could be resourced.

The Council has a number of sites where it has supported community organisations install new community defibrillators including Caldecott Park and Whinfield Recreation Ground. The Council is keen to work with community organisations to extend the database of community defibrillators and will continue to review future opportunities and we will repeat our call to the local community.”