Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Community Lifelines – Emergency bleed control kits for Wiltshire

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Overview
Wiltshire Community Lifelines is a new initiative that will see around 100 publicly accessible bleed control kits installed across Wiltshire's 18 community areas.

Delivered by Wiltshire Council and partner organisations, the project aims to strengthen community resilience by supporting people to respond to serious bleeding emergencies while emergency services are on their way.

Around 40 kits will be installed at council-owned buildings, with the remaining kits hosted by community organisations and venues across the county.

Background
Following members' support for a motion on bleed control kits at Full Council earlier this year, Wiltshire Council is moving forward with the rollout of the initiative.

The project builds on the excellent work already taking place across Wiltshire and is intended to complement existing bleed control kit schemes by helping make this important equipment more widely available to communities across the county.

Why are bleed control kits important?
Severe bleeding can quickly become life-threatening. Bleed control kits are designed to help members of the public provide immediate assistance in the critical moments before emergency services arrive.

Similar to publicly accessible defibrillators, bleed control kits provide access to specialist equipment that may help save a life in an emergency.

The initiative aims to:

- Improve access to potentially lifesaving equipment
- Strengthen community resilience
- Support people to act quickly in an emergency
- Increase the availability of bleed control kits across Wiltshire

Community venues invited to take part
Wiltshire Council is inviting organisations to register their interest in becoming a Wiltshire Community Lifelines Champion by hosting a bleed control kit.

Potential locations include:

- Village halls
- Community centres
- Sports clubs
- Pubs
- Shops
- Other publicly accessible community venues

Hosting organisations will play an important role in helping ensure local communities have access to potentially lifesaving equipment when it is needed.

Interested organisations can register their interest using the following link: Wiltshire Community Lifelines – application form to host an emergency bleed kit

How you can help

You may know organisations in your local area that would be interested in becoming a Wiltshire Community Lifelines Champion by hosting a bleed control kit.

We would be grateful for your support in raising awareness of the initiative and encouraging suitable venues to get involved.

You can help by:

- Sharing information about the initiative with local community groups, organisations and businesses.
- Encouraging suitable venues to register their interest in hosting a bleed control kit.
- Promoting the campaign through your local newsletters, social media channels and community networks.
- Raising awareness of the benefits of bleed control kits and the importance of community preparedness.
- Signposting interested organisations to the registration survey.

Further information

For more information about Wiltshire Community Lifelines, including how organisations can host a bleed control kit, please visit https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/emergency-bleed-control-kits or contact asb@wiltshire.gov.uk.