

THE NORTH THORESBY PRACTICE

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Protocol for emergency equipment and drugs.

GP Surgeries have a duty to provide a high-quality resuscitation service. It is expected all staff are trained and updated regularly to a level of skill appropriate to each individual's expected role.

An [Automated External Defibrillator \(AED\)](#) is a portable life saving device that can give a casualty's heart an electric shock, when it has stopped beating normally in a sudden cardiac arrest.

A defibrillator works by checking the casualty's heart rhythm once the defibrillator pads are placed on their chest and giving them a shock if needed.

Defibrillators can be used on adults or children over one year old.

- Both sites have emergency equipment and medicines available at all times.
- Emergency trolleys are stocked with vital equipment, to assist in the treatment and management of a critically ill patient whilst awaiting ambulance response.
- All equipment and drugs are checked monthly by healthcare staff, for which time is allocated each month on the rotas.
- Audit sheets and checklists are provided to ensure all equipment and drugs are present, correct and within date. Space allows for the staff to record any equipment or drugs requested, should an item be missing or coming up to its expiration date.
- If items within the trolley are used for emergency situations, the used equipment or drugs should be requested to replace.
- Audit sheet should also be completed in this instance despite if the monthly checklist has been completed, to allow others to be aware equipment/ drugs may be missing, although have been requested.

References

[Quality Standards: Primary care equipment and drug lists | Resuscitation Council UK](#)
[Defibrillator Guide for First Time Buyers | St John Ambulance \(sja.org.uk\)](#)

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