Report To:	**Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee**	**Date:**	**04 September 2023**
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Subject:	**Control the Bleed Kits**		

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee with information to consider for Control the Bleed Kits.
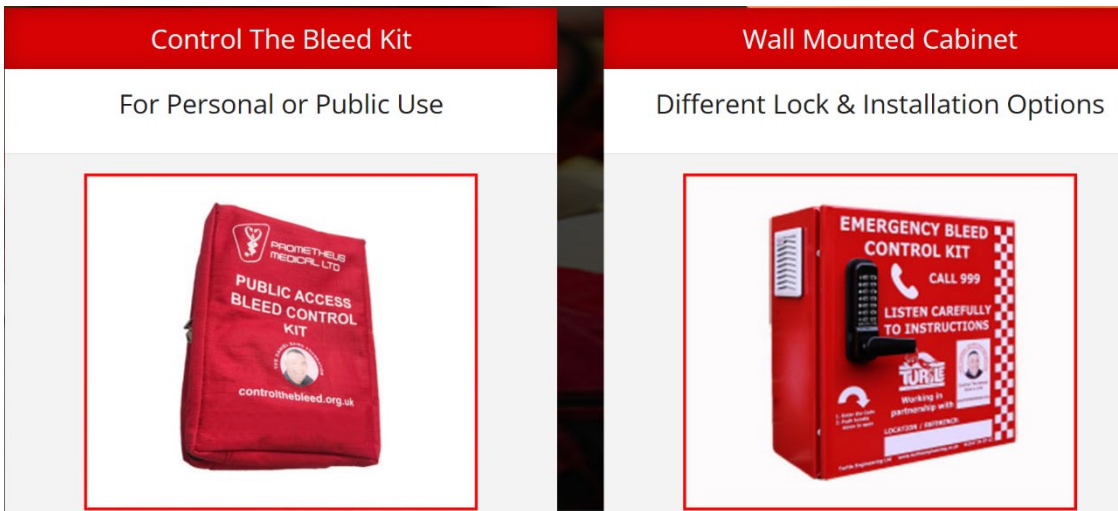
2. DETAIL

2.1 Control The Bleed Kits were initiated by the Daniel Baird Foundation. Knife attack victims or car crash victims can bleed to death in less time than an ambulance takes to get to them, these kits are a true life-saver. It is recognised that many victims receive no first aid at the scene and bleed to death shortly after reaching hospital. The link to the website is as follows: 'Bleed Control Kits | By The Daniel Baird Foundation | Campaign by Lynne Baird - Control The Bleed' - https://www.controlthebleed.org.uk

2.2 Daniel Baird was 26 years of age when he was fatally stabbed in Birmingham in 2017, in an area where no bleed control kit or trauma pack was at hand to use. The family of Daniel Baird believe that, had there been a publicly accessible bleed control pack available, Daniel's life may not have been cut so short. The Bleed Control Kit provides the lay person with the means to immediately control life-threatening external haemorrhaging. The pack is lightweight with high visibility red colouring, allowing for rapid identification. It includes basic instructions for anyone to have a straightforward understanding of the equipment, where and how to apply it.

2.3 Similar to defibrillators, the kits are made visible and accessible so that if the public are first on the scene of an incident, a member of the public with access to a kit can be that person who saves a life and prevents a preventable tragedy.

2.4 In a similar way to defibrillators, the bleed kits should be registered with first responding services. The Control The Bleed kit locations are also stored in a national database and accessed by 999 phone operators. The caller can be told which kit is nearest their location for fastest collection to provide vital aid by preventing blood loss.

2.5 There are two types of kits available. Bleed packs and cabinet kits:

3. CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Static kits in public places, even within a locked box could be prone to vandalism. It is also very difficult to ensure that the kits are maintained and provide the resources to continually check the kits. For this reason, it is common for bleed kits to be housed in existing defibrillator units.

3.2 There are many defibrillator units located in West Swindon including car show rooms, Tesco Express units, primary schools, and, local businesses.

3.3 Pubs or community buildings could be considered as the best option for static kits. This means that the kits can be maintained and owners would know of their existence in an emergency. Instances of any stabbing are more likely to occur near to premises serving alcohol.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Finance and Resources

There is variable costs depending on the type of kit and or unit purchased – see below. This includes a charitable donation of £5 per kit and £10 per cabinet towards the Daniel Baird Foundation. The Parish Council has no specific budget for this but could utilise £5,000 from the 2023-24 Youth Development budget.

Unlocked Emergency Bleed Control Cabinet and Kit (optional)	Locked Emergency Bleed Control Cabinet and Kit (optional)	Emergency Bleed Control Kit – Daniel Baird Foundation
Available with or without a bleed kit	Available with or without a bleed kit	Control the bleed with our recommended kit
£310.00 – £435.00 (excl. VAT)	£350.00 – £475.00 (excl. VAT)	£85.00 (excl. VAT)

4.2 The Parish Council could look at options to partner with or support those that have existing defibrillators that are currently managed and maintained, to add a bleed kit to that facility.

4.3 Where the Parish Council is minded to install a kit, it would need to ensure that there are checks in place to ensure that kits are registered and monitored.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Parish Councils have provided bleed kits in their communities, these have most commonly be included within or in addition to Parish Council defibrillators. West Swindon Parish Council would need to determine the best route to ensure these are effectively located within the Parish.

5.2 That this Committee considers the information in the report and confirms the next steps.

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