DALBEATTIE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

TRUSTEE REPORT 2026

This report marks our first year as Cardiac Only Responders (COR) within the Scottish Ambulance Services (SAS)Community First Responder(CFR) family. Our new role sees us only respond to Out Of Hospital Cardiac Arrests rather than to the wider remit of CFRs which has given the team greater flexibility to respond when suitable, thus reducing the burden on the CFRs particularly when it comes to time spent on call. We made the decision to remain a CFR group rather than disband, in the hope that at some future date we may be able to reestablish ourselves a full CFR team. We recognise that this is difficult within the present climate ,especially within the voluntary sector but we remain optimistic.

A large part of our remit has been both our Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) programme and our public training in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation(CPR) and Defibrillator awareness. In both these areas we have had a positive year. As a group we have delivered eleven courses and trained 176 people in CPR/Defibrillator awareness, further adding to the areas' resilience. We have also attended meetings and events with other community groups to offer advice on both PAD placement and public training. We are also in the position to be able to add a further five PADs to our programme due to the incredible generosity of so many individuals and groups. These PADs will be added to the twenty two we already care for. The PADs will be placed within the next year and with funds available we will be able to renew some of our older PAD boxes. With the funds raised we have been able to maintain our defibrillators ,which is always a large financial consideration and made more difficult be price increases in the last year.

In the year ahead we hope to consolidate our position within the CFR family and endeavour to attract more people to join as CORs. We will continue to

offer free CPR/Defibrillator awareness courses and maintain our PADs programme.

It only remains to thank all those who have helped us over the past year. Without the generous donations received, we would be unable to maintain so many pieces of lifesaving equipment and train the public in their use.

Trustees

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