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EDM 395 'Cardiac Arrest in Schools'

AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) Save Lives

The Government's White Paper 'Every Child Matters' includes children staying safe. A defibrillator is the only piece of equipment that has the capability of restoring a heart rhythm if cardiac arrest occurs. If used immediately there is a 90% chance of survival and as schools are often the hub of the community having a defibrillator on the premises and trained personnel could save lives.

Cardiac conditions including Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM), the Long QT, Brugada and Wolff-Parkinson White Syndromes can predispose people to sudden cardiac arrest. At least 1 in 500 people have one of these types of conditions; however they may not be aware of this until a cardiac arrest occurs.

Join our Campaign Now

Write to your MP and ask them to sign EDM 395 which requests that the Government makes AEDs mandatory in schools. They should write to the Secretary of State for Health requesting a strategy to make AEDs available in all schools is implemented. Defibrillators must be placed in our schools to give our children and community the best chance of survival if they should suffer a cardiac arrest on school premises.

Send SADS UK your replies

Send SADS UK a copy of your letter and replies received from your MP and the Secretary of State for Health. This will enable the charity to compile a dossier which should compel Government to make AEDs compulsory in schools.

Yours sincerely

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Enc. EDM 395
Template letter to your MP

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