

ECYE8. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) – Training in Educational Establishments

The Education, Children & Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services seeking agreement to roll out the British Heart Foundation's Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation programme across all Falkirk Council secondary schools.

The British Heart Foundation had, for a number of years, sought to help and support schools to improve the teaching of CPR skills. In 2014, the British Heart Foundation launched its 'Nation of Lifesavers' campaign with the aim of ensuring no young person left school without knowing how to save a life. The British Heart Foundation had committed to ensuring that by 2020, all secondary schools in Scotland would be equipped to teach CPR. The British Heart Foundation contacted the Council to request a commitment to train all pupils in CPR using their Call Push Rescue programme.

A number of schools were already implementing aspects of First Aid and CPR. This varied from whole school initiatives to programmes targeted at specific year groups. Methods of delivery included:-

- Delivery during health week and family learning
- As part of whole school ongoing health and wellbeing curriculum
- Heartstart Training
- Staff Training

The CPR Programme would be built into the Personal and Social Education programme across S1–S6. Primary schools would be encouraged to participate in First Aid training for their pupils. It was anticipated that the roll out of CPR would be complete by June 2020.

Decision

The Education, Children & Young People Executive agreed that all secondary school pupils would be offered CPR training before they left school.