

# COMMUNITY SAFETY: DISTRIBUTION OF TRAUMA KITS

Following the Manchester Arena bombing in 2017, Counter Terrorism Police Security Advisors have encouraged the purchase of trauma kits.

## WHAT IS A TRAUMA KIT?

These first aid kits, for use by any person regardless of their level of training, support the treatment of life-threatening injuries and will significantly enhance an organisation's existing first aid preparedness, increase the first aid resilience amongst the public and ultimately, improve the survivability of a person with life threatening injuries.

Although the development of such kits came about due to terrorism these kits are suitable for any eventuality – this also therefore supports activity to reduce serious violence across Worcestershire.

They are designed to keep casualties alive until professional help arrives.

## GRANT FUNDING

The Community Safety team, part of Public Health at Worcestershire County Council have developed a grant funding initiative for organisations in Worcestershire to apply for trauma kits.

With a particular focus on education establishments, there has been positive take up on applications which include – cadet organisations, sports clubs, parish councils, primary schools, nurseries, village halls, places of worship and a youth hub.

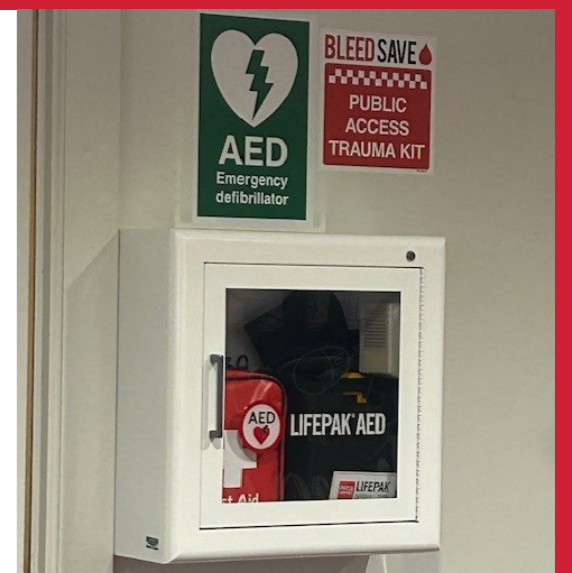
More than 50 trauma kits have already been distributed. For more information, or to apply for a trauma kit visit:

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/protect](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/protect)

## TESTIMONIAL FROM HEART OF WORCESTERSHIRE COLLEGE

In partnership with Worcestershire County Council Public Health Team, Heart of Worcestershire College have installed Public Access Trauma kits in their Redditch, Bromsgrove, St Dunstan's, All Saints, Malvern, and Duckworth campuses to further enhance the colleges emergency planning and response in line with the Protect duty.

The kits are designed to be used by anyone, regardless of their level of first aid training, and supports the first aid efforts until the emergency services arrive. They have been placed in publicly accessible areas and are clearly signposted to allow easy access.



Find out more at:  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/protect](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/protect)