

# **ARDS PENINSULA FIRST RESPONDERS**



## **2024 TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

NI Charity No: 101165

### **Aims & Objectives**

To set up and operate a volunteer-led community first responder scheme.

To provide life-saving care to people with any of a range of medical emergencies, as laid down from time to time by the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, in our community, pending the arrival of the ambulance service.

To recruit, co-ordinate and equip local volunteers who will be trained and alerted by the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service to assess and provide an appropriate intervention to those with appropriate medical emergencies, in their localities.

To provide, as appropriate, resuscitation including use of a defibrillator and other equipment as approved by (NIAS), care and support pending the arrival of an emergency ambulance, which will be dispatched simultaneously with the first responders

### **TRUSTEES**

Jamie Nicolls

Alan Norrie

Hayley McCullough

Sandra Henderson

Kerri Graham

Aquilla Freeman

The anniversary for Ards Peninsula First Responders Scheme is the 04 February each year, from going live in 2015 responders have responded to 2851 incidents, tasked by the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service.

During 2024, 16 active responders successfully completed their compulsory annual training undertaken through the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service which included:

Infection Control

Basic Life Support

Airway Management & BP Cuff

In November 2024 we went out for recruitment and received 34 requests for application forms, 14 completed applications were returned and of these 8 were eligible for training in 2025

As a charity we rely heavily on donations, this year we received donations from a total of fourteen groups we also received donations in lieu of flowers. List of contributors are individually recorded on the ratified and approved annual accounts along with the group's expenditure

Throughout the year we attended twenty-four awareness raising events which included demonstrating CPR & Defibrillator Use

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank the management committee and all the responders for their continued volunteering, attending calls and events also for the support that everyone has given me in my role as coordinator.

We all work together as a team and have the same goal as in saving lives on the Ards Peninsula and look forward to the scheme going from strength to strength in the future.

Alan Norrie (Coordinator)  
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