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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Education and Communities Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>14 June 2022</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>EDUCOM/31/22/RB</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Control the Bleed Kits</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Education and Communities Committee with proposals for establishing and promoting Control the Bleed Kits across Inverclyde.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 At its meeting on 17 February 2022, the Council approved a Member's Request by Councillor Brooks to pursue the possible promotion of Control the Bleed Kits across Inverclyde. Control the Bleed kits are designed to reduce blood loss and can save lives in the vital minutes before medical attention arrives.
- 2.2 Officers, working through the community safety partnership have researched how Control the Bleed Kits can best be used to maximum effect and propose the following:
- That Police Scotland explore purchasing and carrying Control the Bleed Kits in their vehicles in Inverclyde.
  - That the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service explore purchasing and carrying Control the Bleed Kits in their vehicles in Inverclyde.
  - That the Council's Community Warden Service purchase and carry Control the Bleed Kits in their vehicles.
  - That an Inverclyde wide campaign is launched on social media to promote business owners to purchase the kits.
  - That it be remitted to the Inverclyde Licensing Board to consider whether it would consider it to be appropriate to attach a condition or a recommendation that premises that hold Premises Licences that the venue should have a Control the Bleed Kit.
  - That a recommendation is made that all Control the Bleed kits are registered with the Scottish Ambulance Service.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Education and Communities Committee is asked to:
- note the proposed use of Control the Bleed kits as part of the Community Safety Partnership
  - approve the purchase of Control the Bleed Kits for the Community Warden Service, as outlined in this report
  - approve a promotional campaign to promote the purchase and use of Control the Bleed Kits across Inverclyde
  - remit to the Inverclyde Licensing Board to consider whether it would be appropriate to attach a condition or a recommendation that premises that hold Premises Licences should have a Control the Bleed Kit.

**Ruth Binks - Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development**

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 At its meeting on 17 February 2022, the Council approved a Member's Request by Councillor Brooks. The full Request read as follows:

### **Control The Bleed Kits**

The Council is continually challenged by knife crime and the loss of life through criminal behaviour.

We recognise that many victims receive no first aid at the scene and bleed to death shortly after reaching hospital.

The recent installation of "Control The Bleed Kits" for use in public venues and areas has been welcomed by Police and Ambulance Services.

In addition to strong legislation from Scotland's governments, we believe that our support for the kits within our communities would be welcomed by all, making Inverclyde a safer place.

If we can get as many publicly accessible venues to house these kits as possible, the public will know there is one nearby available to help someone in need. Those vital few minutes are paramount. Heroes often come in the form of zero responders i.e. someone on the scene. A member of the public with access to a kit can be that person who saves a life and prevents a preventable tragedy.

Knife attack victims or car crash victims can bleed to death in less time than an ambulance takes to get to them, these kits are a true life-saver.

The Council asks the Chief Executive to provide a report to the next relevant Committee outlining:

1. The learned experience of Councils or Public Bodies, throughout the UK who have installed the kits.
  2. An officers recommendation on the value of promoting the installation of the kits across Inverclyde.
  3. An initial communication strategy to encourage Inverclyde Alliance, Third Sector organisations and major companies etc. to consider funding and/or installing the kits.
  4. The cost to Inverclyde Council to install a number of the kits in appropriate buildings/areas of our estate. Including insurance burden and the replenishment of contents.
  5. The cost to Inverclyde Council of running a promotion campaign, for twelve months, expressing the lifesaving value of the kits
- 4.2 The Council agreed that this Request would be remitted to a further report to be considered by the Education and Communities Committee.
- 4.3 Officers have researched this matter, primarily through the work of the Daniel Baird Foundation. The Daniel Baird Foundation Charity was set up after 26 year old Daniel Baird was fatally stabbed in the early hours of 8th July 2017, following a night out with friends. There was no first aid or bleeding control kit available. Daniel died shortly after arriving at hospital due to catastrophic bleeding. Whilst Daniel was stabbed, the foundation has acknowledged that there are multiple causes for significant bleed instances and promote publicly accessible bleed control kits placed around the community. In a similar way to defibrillators, the bleed kits should be registered with the Scottish Ambulance Service. The

link to the website is as follows: 'Bleed Control Kits | By The Daniel Baird Foundation | Campaign by Lynne Baird - Control The Bleed' - <https://www.controlthebleed.org.uk>

- 4.4 Officers from the Council, Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service have worked together to bring forward a comprehensive proposal that would best meet the needs of the area. Static kits in public places, even within a locked box would be prone to vandalism. It is also very difficult to ensure that the kits are maintained and provide the resources to continually check the kits. Pubs or clubs who have a licence would be considered as the best option for any static kits. This means that the kits can be maintained and owners would know of their existence in an emergency. Instances of any stabbing are more likely to occur near to premises serving alcohol. Police, Fire & Rescue and community wardens are the most likely to be the first on the scene for any incident. They currently do not carry Control the Bleed Kits and the proposal outlined below explores the option of each identified service having a control the bleed kit based in vehicles across Inverclyde.

## **5.0 PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 As part of the Community Safety Partnership Inverclyde Police, Fire and Rescue Service and Community Warden vehicles will all carry Control the Bleed kits. Each service will purchase and maintain their own kits and register them with the Scottish Ambulance Service. The cost to Inverclyde Council for the Community Wardens will be in the region of £1,000. This is for 2 kits for each vehicle. The Daniel Baird foundation have training videos for the kits and all community wardens have emergency first aid training.
- 5.2 A campaign will be launched to promote the kits and also to encourage businesses to buy the kits and to register them with the Scottish Ambulance Service. It is envisaged that the promotion will take place through social media and there will be no cost for the promotion apart from officer time. If a more concerted 12 month campaign was to be put in place then this would cost in the region of £5,000 – £10,000, however officers feel that through the services involved and the Inverclyde Licensing Board giving this consideration that a longer marketing campaign may give little additionality.
- 5.3 All Premises Licences issued by the Inverclyde Licensing Board are subject to a range of mandatory conditions, imposed by legislation as set out in Schedule 3 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. This is supplemented by discretionary conditions that Boards can impose if considered appropriate to meet local circumstances. There are certain constraints on what can be imposed.

There is already a mandatory condition that premises which are subject to a late opening hours (after 1 am) require each premises to have present a person trained in first aid to the satisfaction of the Board.

The Board can, and often do, make recommendations in relation to a range of issues. This report proposes that is be remitted to the Inverclyde Licensing Board to consider whether it would consider it to be appropriate to attach a condition or a recommendation that premises holding a Premises Licences should have a Control the Bleed Kit.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

### **6.1 Finance**

There is a cost of approximately £1,000 to the Council for the purchase of the kits. This includes a charitable donation of £5 per kit towards the Daniel Baird Foundation.

### Financial Implications:

#### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
00470-000-60005 (Community Safety Other Expenditure)			£1000		

#### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

## 6.2 Legal

The Inverclyde Licensing Board will need to consider the legal implications of this remit.

## 6.3 Human Resources

N/A

## 6.4 Equalities

### Equalities

- (a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

- (b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO

- (c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO

## 6.5 Repopulation

This is an initiative which will help to promote a safer Inverclyde and help to save lives.

## 7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 N/A.

## 8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 N/A.