

## **Notes on registering with “The Circuit”**

### **National Defibrillator database – “The Circuit” – BHF/Ambulance Trusts**

The Circuit is a national database of registered defibrillators, operated between The British Heart Foundation and all the Ambulance Trusts.

As part of The Circuit each defibrillator has a Guardian.

Their only job is to register and regularly check that the green tick is in the window and the defib is available, if it's the red cross, the Guardian then informs 'The Circuit' that the defib is out of action.

This means the Ambulance Trust and anyone else needing a defib will know if its unavailable.

If it is used by Ambulance, they often replace the pads, if not the Guardian will get an email to say it's been used and until new pads are in place the defib is out of action.

The Friends have tried to 'speed' up this process and I hold several sets of replacement pads and batteries to get the defib operational asap.

[ If the defib needs a more detailed service, the manufacturers, Zoll are excellent and prompt, their number should be in the box the defib came with. Any cost, should be free, but in case such costs will be covered/reimbursed by The Friends ]

We would be grateful if each defib had a the Guardian, with a simple weekly check and emails from The Circuit to confirm if the device is still operational.

### **Please go to the BHF/The Circuit website to register :**

You will need your email address / your postcode / a password / the expiry date of the pads – it's on the yellow tab sealing the defib / batteries are brand new / you don't have 'pedi-pads' / the defibs code is on the back and should start with an “X.....”

Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/national-defibrillator-network-the-circuit>