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London Ambulance Service chief executive retires

Unprecedented 999 demand as London Ambulance responds to record numbers of patients

London Ambulance Service staff celebrate service

Ambulance medic celebrates more than 40 years of service

Ambulance medic honoured for more than 40 years of service

Life-saving defibrillators rolled out across London thanks to emergency services partnership

10 July 2017

An initiative led by London Ambulance Service and Metropolitan Police Service which sees defibrillators added to over 700 police response vehicles and police stations across the Capital, is being rolled out from today (10 July).

The life-saving equipment, which is used to restart the heart when someone is in cardiac arrest, will allow police officers to respond to life-threatening emergencies alongside ambulance crews and see even more public access defibrillators on London's streets.

Chris Hartley-Sharpe, Head of First Responders at London Ambulance Service said, "Every second counts when someone is in cardiac arrest. The only way to restart a heart is with a defibrillator so the sooner one arrives with someone trained to use it, the better the outcome for the patient."



"While we will always send an ambulance response as a priority, by working together with the police service we can ensure patients in cardiac arrest receive vital treatment as quickly as possible."

As part of the initiative, police officers equipped with defibrillators, who are available to respond, will be alerted to a potential cardiac arrest at the same time as ambulance crews, which means that if they reach the patient first, or are already on scene, they can begin providing life-saving treatment until a skilled clinician arrives.

Based on results from the pilot, it is estimated the scheme could save dozens of lives each year.

Sue Warner, Strategic Health & Safety Adviser from the Metropolitan Police Service said: "We are delighted to be working with the London Ambulance Service to save lives across London. Equipping our response team vehicles and station offices with this essential life saving equipment will enable over 1320 officers to respond to these critical life or death emergency calls."

This initiative is the latest to be supported by the London Ambulance Service to increase cardiac arrest survival rates in the Capital. Between 2012 - 2017 the number of public access defibrillators in London has increased by 350 per cent as a result of work by the Service to raise awareness and availability of defibrillators.

Recently, the Service embarked on an exciting new partnership with the internationally acclaimed GoodSAM app, in which clinically trained ambulance staff and members of the public trained to an approved standard are able to sign up as volunteers to respond to life-threatening emergency calls, including cardiac arrests.

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Notes to Editors

A phased rolled out will take place from 10 July 2017 - November 2017:

Already live (pilot areas): Croydon, Enfield, Ealing, Havering

- 10 July: Barking and Dagenham, Redbridge, Hillingdon

Paying tribute to Eric Roberts, Unison Branch Secretary

Two hundred new ambulance vehicles for London

Paramedics half-century of saving lives in London

Statement - Road traffic collision on Ladbroke Grove

Statement - Croydon tram incident

London Ambulance Service medics attacked with fireworks

Remember Remember stay safe this November

TV documentary prompts pizza praise

Service joins 100 black taxis on the Children's Magical Taxi Tour

Annual public meeting Tuesday 27 September

London Ambulance offers viewers unprecedented access in new TV series

Lennard Road - Road Traffic Collision, 31 August 2016

Over 1000 people treated at Notting Hill Carnival

Fire in Harrow

Hundreds more clinical staff on the frontline but not enough people from BME backgrounds

Paramedics praise five year old boy for helping to save his nan's life

Hundreds more emergency calls in London because of hot weather

Paramedic features in latest Historic England exhibition

Thief steals London Ambulance Service bike

Remembering 7 July 2005

Chief Executive speaks at launch of Living on the Edge report

Eat, Drink and Be Safe as Euro 2016 kicks off

Paramedic honoured at Buckingham Palace

Incident in Russell Square, WC1

Smartphone app alert helps volunteer first aiders save a life

Ealing butcher praises London Ambulance Service medics for excellent care

Fire in Shepherds Bush

- 24 July: Waltham Forest, Sutton, Bromley
- 7 Aug: Hounslow, Barnet, Lewisham
- 21 Aug: Brent, Haringey, Kingston Upon Thames
- 4 Sept: Harrow, Lambeth, Bexley
- 18 Sept: Hammersmith and Fulham, Greenwich, Richmond Upon Thames
- 2 October: Kensington and Chelsea, Hackney, Tower Hamlets
- 16 October: Westminster, Camden and Islington, Merton
- 30 October: Newham, Southwark, Wandsworth

This is a dual-response initiative which looks to improve a person's chance of survival when in cardiac arrest. If a 999 call received into London Ambulance Service's control room meets a set criteria, both the LAS and the MPS will be dispatched to the incident at the same time.

- The response by the police is additional, and does not replace an ambulance response. London Ambulance Service will continue to respond to any call as quickly as possible, even where a police officer is dispatched.
- The police will only respond to cardiac arrest incidents when they have capacity, as determined by the MPS control room
- London Ambulance Service NHS Trust is the busiest emergency ambulance service in the UK that provides healthcare that is free to patients at the time they receive it.
- We have over 4,500 staff, who work across a wide range of roles based in 70 ambulance stations. We serve more than seven million people who live and work in the London area.
- For more information, media enquiries or interview requests please contact us on 020 7783 2286 or communications@londonambulance.nhs.uk

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Increase in assaults on London Ambulance Service staff

Hero ambulance medic stops moped muggers in their tracks

London Ambulance Service gets ready for Notting Hill Carnival

Medic's bright idea makes ambulance crews even more accessible to blind patients

Incident at London City Airport

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London Ambulance Service gears up for this weekend's Mad Friday

Skip the dreaded tinsel-itis and have your medication ready this Christmas

Ten years in the hot zone

Busiest night ever predicted for London Ambulance Service this New Year

Technical issues in our control room

London Ambulance medic honoured with Queen's Ambulance Service Medal

Don't get caught out in the cold, warns London Ambulance Service

Medics to provide life-saving support to refugee camps

Statement on incident in Southend Arterial Road

Prince Harry visits London Ambulance Service to launch Time to Talk Day

Innovator behind London's cycle paramedics praised at Healthcare Heroes exhibition

Fate brings man together with paramedic who helped save his life

Leadership team strengthened with two new non-executive directors

London Ambulance Service responds to Storm Doris

Card launched to improve safety of expectant mothers

Banker thanks life savers with charity run

New spit kits issued to track down offenders who spit at London's life savers

Prince William visits ambulance staff who treated patients in Westminster attack

Stock up on medication ahead of the long weekend, warns ambulance service

Statement following an incident on Warburton Road, E8.

London Ambulance Service appoints new Chief Executive

London Ambulance Service medic honoured at Buckingham Palace

Firefighter grants paramedic a final goodbye with fiancée

Paramedic who apprehended a violent criminal is awarded police commendation

Statement on the incident at London Bridge

Statement on the incident at Seven Sisters Road

Thousands more emergency calls during hottest week of the year

Investigation into 999 computer system outage on New Year's Day 2017

London Ambulance Service leads the way at Pride in London

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Paramedic mugged by moped gang in London's West End

London Ambulance Service marks 100,000 followers milestone

We reveal the top London boroughs for alcohol-related incidents

Ambulance crews prepare for Notting Hill Carnival

Statement on the incident at Parsons Green

Medics reunited with premature twins they helped to safely deliver

Statement on incident in South Kensington

Prime Minister praises bravery of ambulance staff

Ambulance service stands with Croydon community to commemorate tram crash

Ambulance service comes together to remember the fallen

Paramedic shortlisted for Air Ambulance Paramedic of the Year

Statement in response to the Assaults on Emergency Service Workers Bill

Ambulance staff pay tribute to King's Cross fire victims 30 years on

Baby girl named after call handler who delivered her

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