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**July 2018  
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**BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSION UPDATE**

<b>Lead Director Author</b>	Tom Steele, Chair Lindsey Ralph, Board Secretary
<b>Action required</b>	The Board is asked to note the report.
<b>Key points</b>	This paper provides information on the most recent Board Development session held on 27 June 2018.
<b>Timing</b>	Board Development sessions are held bi-monthly and a report is provided to the next public Board meeting on the main items discussed.



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**REPORT FROM BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

**TOM STEELE, CHAIR**

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## **SECTION 1: PURPOSE**

Board Development sessions are held bi-monthly and provide an opportunity for Board members to consider issues in detail and improve members' understanding and knowledge of what are often complex subjects. The format of the sessions usually consist of a presentation or briefing from Directors and managers leading the area of work, or staff involved in the work, followed by discussion and questions from members or a workshop focused on areas for board development.

## **SECTION 2 : BACKGROUND**

Board Development sessions are not intended as decision making meetings.

The Board's Code of Corporate Governance sets out the decision making process which is strictly observed. The sessions do however assist the decision making process through in depth exploration and analysis of an issue which may be the subject of a formal board decision. They also provide an opportunity for updates on ongoing strategic matters.

## **SECTION 3: DISCUSSION**

The most recent Board Development session was held on 27 June 2018.

At this session, Board members received a presentation on Community Resilience and discussed the contribution of the 132 active Community First Responder Schemes and progress with Public Access Defibrillator registration. The work plan for 2018-19 includes support to Community First Responder Schemes, training volunteers in communities to deliver CPR and use of Public Access Defibrillators, continuing to support communities to develop and establish Public Access Defibrillator sites and developing the Community First Responder vision to ensure that best use is made of voluntary resources.

Board members received refresher CPR training and a demonstration on the use of a Public Access Defibrillator.

The next Board Development session will be held on 29 August 2018.

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