

Anchor/Community Wealth Building



March 2024



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life possible for everyone in Ayrshire and Arran**





Inclusion of community benefit requirements in NHS Ayrshire & Arran contracts

As part of NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Community Wealth Building programme, the Procurement Pillar has been addressing how we include social values in our procurement contracts.

Since 1 April 2023, NHS Ayrshire & Arran tenders equal to or greater than £50,000 for goods and services contracts or £1,000,000 for works contracts have contained, where appropriate, a new community benefit clause for bidders to complete and commit to delivering if they are successful in winning the contract.

This is a new community benefit clause and is a contractual requirement to deliver wider benefits in addition to the core

purpose of the contract. These clauses referred to as 'Community Benefits' are used to build a range of economic, social or environmental conditions into the delivery of contracts.

Our community benefit clause encourages suppliers to log on and review the registered community benefit requests from charities on the NHSScotland Community Benefit Gateway and demonstrate how they would propose to deliver one of these requests if they were to be successfully awarded a contract. Alternatively, bidders can demonstrate any community benefit they would propose to deliver if they are successfully awarded an NHS Ayrshire & Arran contract.

Delivering community benefits through the NHSScotland Community Benefit Gateway

The NHSScotland Community Benefit Gateway (CBG) (https://nhsnss.service-now.com/community_benefit) is a free online service which connects NHSScotland suppliers with third sector community organisations in Scotland to fulfil community needs.

NHS Ayrshire & Arran supports the use of the NHSScotland CBG to help to deliver community benefits reducing health inequalities and improving the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the citizens of Ayrshire.

A local charity can request assistance through the CBG - for example, for support such as provision of equipment; repairs or upgrades to a building; assistance to build community facilities; provision of project volunteers; training support or advice; and much more.

NHS Ayrshire & Arran has been encouraging local charities to register their community benefit needs on the CBG portal and have been working to encourage our suppliers to deliver these needs as part of their contractual community benefit requirements.

Ayrshire Community benefits delivered through the NHSScotland Community Benefit Gateway (CBG) April 2023 – March 2024

Since April 2023 the following community benefits have been delivered:

Replacement of ageing IT Equipment for Ayr Housing Aid Centre SCIO

The charity Ayr Housing Aid Centre SCIO (AHAC) helps residents from across the whole of South Ayrshire with housing issues by providing free, accredited, independent advice and engagement services.



AHAC registered a community benefit request on the CBG for assistance to replace and upgrade their Ayrshire charity headquarters' ageing IT equipment and PC monitors. HP Inc. supported their request by reviewing AHAC's IT equipment and providing advice on upgrading the equipment to meet AHAC's needs. HP Inc. then put the charity in touch with the Edinburgh Remakery (<https://www.edinburghremakery.org.uk/>), an environmental social enterprise which champions the circular economy refurbishing unwanted electronic devices and passing them on to be used again.

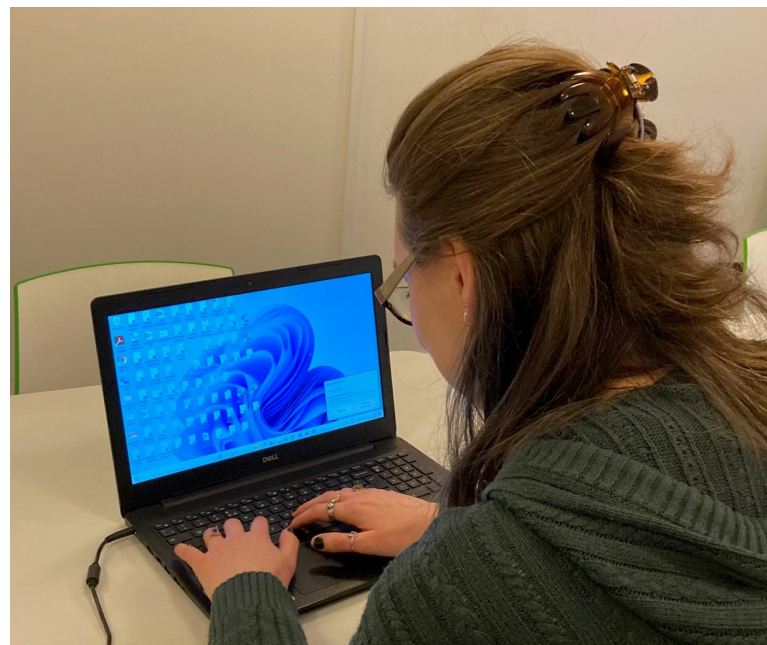
The Edinburgh Remakery donated modern specification refurbished IT equipment to AHAC. AHAC's IT contractor were then able to set up the new equipment, which included:

- 16 Core i5 8th Generation, 500GB, 16GB RAM laptops
- 18 24 inch PC monitors
- 10 Core i5 8th Gen or higher, 500GB SSD, 16GB Ram desktop computers and
- 15 USB Keyboards and mice

AHAC received modern up-to-date refurbished computer equipment improving their computing speed and efficiency at a vastly reduced replacement cost.



The project has also enabled AHAC to donate its old surplus IT screens to two other local charities. Following secure data cleansing, laptops could also be offered to staff and service users for home use, helping the wider community and reducing negative impact on landfill.



Supporting delivery of community cinema in Ayrshire – Friends of the Broadway

Friends of the Broadway Prestwick are an Ayrshire community group dedicated to bringing the former Broadway Cinema in Prestwick back into community ownership and delivering pop-up cinema in the Ayrshire community.

The charity registered a community benefit need on the CBG for support to bring back cinema across Ayrshire by providing pop-up cinema events. They were successful in attracting support and funding from NHS supplier, Globus Shetland Ltd. Globus Shetland Ltd is part of the Globus Group which supply ARCO, the NHSScotland national personal protective equipment (PPE) supplier through NHS National procurement Framework NP770.

The funding helped to deliver exciting popup cinema events at Prestwick Academy during summer 2023, including the opening roadshow of the Back to the Future trilogy in the 300 seat Prestwick Academy auditorium in partnership with the Indy Cinema Group and to bring new film releases to Ayrshire communities.



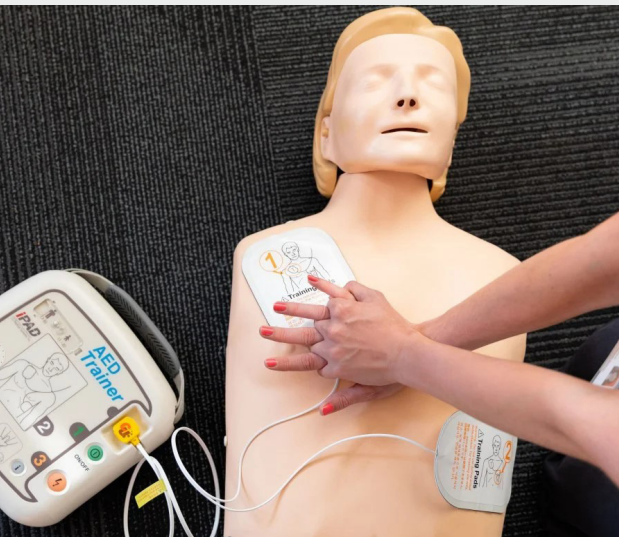
Defibrillator training and general first aid training for the Night Before Christmas charity

The Night Before Christmas (NB4CC) charitable aim is the prevention and relief of poverty. NB4CC provides night before Christmas boxes to families and homeless people in need in the hope of bringing some joy and magic to children and homeless people at Christmas.

The NB4CC registered a community benefit request on the CBG for first aid and defibrillator training for NB4CC staff and volunteers.

Heartstart Ayrshire, an initiative coordinated by the British Heart Foundation promoting and developing Emergency Life Support (ELS) throughout Ayrshire, supported their request and



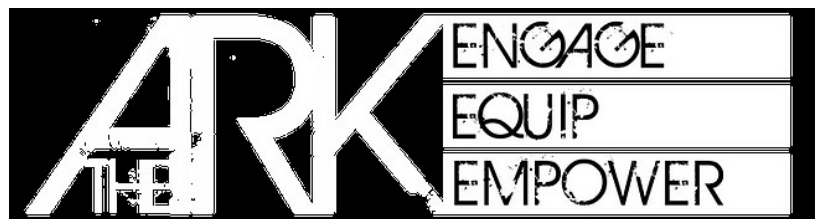


organised a first aid and emergency life support training event for 39 staff, volunteers and villagers at Annbank Village Hall.

The NB4CC first aid and emergency life support training event has enabled staff, volunteers and Annbank villager to gain first aid skills and confidence in how to use defibrillator equipment to stabilise a patient in a life threatening cardiac emergency and to provide appropriate care until more highly skilled ambulance crew arrive on the scene to take over treatment.

Helping Ayr Ark to provide needy families with Christmas Hampers

Ayr Ark (<https://www.ayrark.co.uk/>) situated in the Citadel Leisure Centre, Ayr is a youth project which seeks to engage with young people through events, outreach and a schools mentoring programme to equip young people with relevant skills and training empowering them to have a more positive future. Ayr Ark also operates a youth drop in centre for 11 to 18 year olds every Friday, providing a safe place for young people to have fun, listen to music and play games.



Ayr Ark registered a community benefit request on the CBG for assistance with providing Christmas hampers to some of the families they work that have been affected by the cost of living crisis. Foundever a division of Gamma Healthcare who provide call centre support for NHS vaccination services supported their request by providing £500 towards five £100 Scottish Food Hampers delivered direct to nominated families.



Provision of new swim timing equipment for South Ayrshire Swim Team

South Ayrshire Swim Team (SAST) (<https://uk.teamunify.com/team/sast/>) provides swim coaching and swim team squads from development through to senior performance level with parent volunteers helping to organise and run SAST swim meets and officiating as judges, timekeepers and helpers.

SAST submitted a request to the NHSScotland CBG for assistance to help to replace ageing swim timing equipment.

The Custody and Offender Medical Service provider of NHS Ayrshire & Arran healthcare for police custody services has provided £11,431 of sponsorship to SAST enabling purchase of new swim timing equipment.

The new equipment will greatly improve SAST's ability to hold swim competitions in South Ayrshire's Ayr pool. This will also benefit swimmers from all over Scotland as the team hosts other swim teams and attends competitions around Scotland. Accurate swim times will prevent disputes at competitions and enable local swimmers to be considered for application to national competitions and the National Scottish Swimming squad.



HP Inc. NHS Community Benefits helping to develop community gardens in Ayrshire

As a major supplier to the NHS in Scotland, HP Inc. (formally part of Hewlett Packard) is keen to support local community sustainability initiatives.

Working with the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Anchor/CWB Programme and using the CBG, HP Inc. identified two projects and are working with Repollinate, a conservation charity which aims to create networks of high-quality pollinator habitats, to deliver two community gardens within Ayrshire by spring 2024.

The two community groups who are reaping the rewards are the North Ayrshire Forum on Disability in Saltcoats, and St Ninian's Episcopal Church in Troon.

North Ayrshire Forum on Disability wanted to create an accessible community garden space at their base in Saltcoats. The garden will include new planters (for crops and ornamental plants), resurfacing of the hardstanding for improved accessibility, and seating. The project aims to provide a safe and enjoyable garden space for use by the charity's clients and staff.

The community garden for St Ninian's Episcopal Church in Troon will give the church congregation and local community a new garden space to grow food, enjoy nature and the outdoors. Phase one of the project includes raised beds, garden storage, accessible pathways and seating. The second phase will provide detailed plans for enhancing the wider grounds of the church with ornamental and wildlife-friendly shrubs and wildflowers.





Further information

Further information on NHS Ayrshire & Arran's work to support delivery of community benefits via the NHSScotland Community Benefit Gateway can be found on our public website at: <https://www.nhsaaa.net/about-us/community-wealth-building/community-benefits-gateway/>

To find out more about NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Community Wealth Building Programme visit: <https://www.nhsaaa.net/about-us/community-wealth-building/> or email aa.cwb@aapct.scot.nhs.uk.



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