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## **1.0 POLICY:**

***“In certain circumstances first aiders can assist in the administration of aspirin if available for suspected cardiac chest pain.”*** The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007.

As of September 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 the Occupational First Aid syllabus incorporates the PHECC (pre-hospital emergency care council) Cardiac First Responder module. Trained Occupational First Aiders/Cardiac First Responders are permitted by PHECC clinical practice guidelines to administer 300mg of aspirin to a patient with a suspected cardiac chest pain. The aspirin should be administered to a conscious person while awaiting the arrival of the emergency services.

To comply with this SHS will make aspirin available to all trained Occupational First Aiders/Cardiac First Responders.

## **2.0 SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all Occupational First Aiders/Cardiac First Responders whose certificate is valid and in date.

## **3.0 ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Aspirin can only be administered by Occupational First Aiders/Cardiac First Responders who have received training in aspirin administration on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008. The appropriate dosage of aspirin will be stored with the defibrillators. There are six defibrillators, 1 in Killarney Road, 1 in Parknasilla, 1 in Hall Lodge, 1 in Valleyview, 1 in Maranatha and 1 in Rosanna.

To insure the safety of all and to avoid possible misuse, 1x 300mg chewable tablet of aspirin will be stored in the front pouch of the defibrillator bag. The tablet will be stored in its original packaging. It is important that when the tablet has been used or goes out of date it must be replaced as soon as possible. The responder should contact Paul Temple (0862644155) who will replace the tablet immediately.

In all cases a record sheet will be kept recording how many tablets are stored, when one was administered, who administered it, to whom was it administered, date, time etc. This check will be carried out every month to coincide with the Defibrillator maintenance check. The responder prior to administering aspirin will ensure that: - 1.The packaging is intact, 2. The tablet is in date, 3. It is the correct dose (300mg), 4. Is there any reason not to give aspirin

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(contraindications) present, for example: - Aspirin Allergy, Bleeding Disorder, Active Stomach Ulcer or under 16yrs.

Explicit handover between responders/emergency services is essential. Responders should provide clear, accurate and comprehensive patient care documentation at all times. For national audit purposes a Cardiac First Response Report (CFRR) should be completed for each incident. The CFRR will be in the Defibrillator bag. The CFRR is a two part document. The top copy should go with the patient to the hospital/destination facility and the second copy should remain as a record with the Responder organisation. Guidance in the use of the CFRR will be given during training.

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