COMMUNITY NOTICE PRODUCED BY FRIENDS OF CRADLEY SURGERY

**As many of you are aware we were asked to assist in Fundraising for a second defibrillator to be sited, potentially on the sidewall of the Surgery .**

**A number of the members of Friends organised an excellent Quiz night and publicised the reason for the donations and that all monies collected would be given to the Defibrillator Fund.**

**Other members of the community also very kindly donated funds.**

**After the successful Quiz night and additional fundraising I contacted the Parish council to find out about the fund and where we could donate our money to.**

**It transpires that there has been some confusion. The Friends of the Surgery believed that we were assisting in the fundraising in conjunction with the Parish Council. The Council believe that it was something that was seperate from them and although they have expressed a possible interest of helping to support ongoing costs in the future, are not in a position to continue to fundraise for the second machine.**

**The money raised was by the community and was for a community project. It was never supposed to be a Surgery project.**

**Currently there is an amount of money that is in a secured donation fund that was raised for the defibrillator. The Friends of the Surgery cannot take on a second defibrillator placement project at this time either.**

**We would like to know what the community feels about these monies and what steps you would now like us to take, as it is *your* money.**

**We would suggest that the following may be options:-**

1. **The money is transferred to the Parish Council as a community donation for it to be used for something that will assist the whole community**
2. **Another group such as the WI or the British Legion may like to take on this responsibility and therefore we can transfer the funds to them**
3. **A Friend of the Surgery may wish to take on this project on behalf of the community and liaise with all interested community groups to carry out all of the required aspects of the placement**
4. **The money collected will be added into the surgery equipment fund and will then be allocated for purchases of equipment that the Friends agree to – currently we are hoping to raise money to purchase a Micro suction ear irrigation system and the associated training required to operate**

**We are disappointed that there seems to have been a lack of clarity in this situation as everyone involved from the Surgery and Friends group truly believed that they were assisting in a project rather than being the instigators of it.**

**We would like to receive ideas on the best way to move forward with this. However, due to a lack of administrative time available to spend on this we would need to receive any suggestions by 16th October 2017 . If we do not receive a consensus from all expressed opinions we will opt to donate the money in its entirety to the Parish council with the express request that it is used for a community -wide project that is to be decided on by the community**

**Thank you for reading. Please tear off the slip below and return to the surgery prior to 16th October 2017**

**NB If none of the options are feasible for whatever reason the money will be added into the Surgery friend budget to assist with ongoing community projects**

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**RESPONSE IN REGARDS TO COMMUNITY MONEY CURRENTLY HELD WITH CRADLEY SURGERY**

**Name ………………………………………………………………**

**Date ……………………………………………………………….**

**Our suggestions for the use of the money would be:-**

1. **Transfer to the Parish Council for use within a Community project to be determined by the Community**
2. **Transfer to another group willing to take on the second Defibrillator project .**

 **Suggested group if they are willing …………………………………………………**

1. **A nominated person takes over as a Friend of the Surgery and becomes the Projector coordinator**

 **Name of nominated person ………………………………………………………….**

1. **Add the money into the equipment fund to be used for the purchase of surgery equipment with the agreement of the Friends .**
2. **Alternative suggestion……………………………………………………………….**

**Please tick the suggestion you most favour or identify an alternative**