

Thank you for contacting the British Heart Foundation regarding the provision of bleed kits.

We would recommend two things:

Firstly contact your local ambulance service and determine their current position regarding provision of these kits. Some services are allowing kits to be registered on their despatch system and they are developing the guidance for their 999 call handlers regarding when and how to direct bystanders to them as well as how they are to be used. Other services are not registering them and therefore unable to provide any guidance to potential callers including details of unlocking codes if they are placed in a locked cabinet. There is no functionality on The Circuit for recording details of bleed kits.

If your ambulance service is accepting bleed kit registration then we would strongly recommend they are stored in a separate cabinet from defibs. There are no common standards for marking bleed kits and there is a risk of confusion for bystanders regarding what they are retrieving for different emergencies

If there is anything else we can help you with please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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