

To- Martin Fagan

National Secretary

The Community Heartbeat Trust

Further to your request for clarification regarding the unmetered supply of electricity to kiosk, please find below the BT position on this.

As you are aware all kiosks have an unmetered supply.

Each month we supply a report to the electricity providers setting out the level of usage, and BT is charged accordingly.

Access to this unmetered electricity is not permitted in the absence of written approval from BT. In order to commence the process to obtain approval a community must submit a business case to BT.

BT has agreed to support the CHT charity in its applications to connect to this unmetered supply to support defibrillator placement. As part of this you maintain a register of sites for BT giving details of the sites where approval has been granted. Additionally CHT ensure the equipment being connected (to the unmetered supply) meets the appropriate safety standards.

The adoption contract for kiosks specifically says that a community adopting a kiosk can only have access to the 8W power for the existing light, and that this electricity supply may be withdrawn at any time. The electrical supply is not transferred as part of the adoption contract.

An adopting community are not permitted to connect anything to the unmetered power supply without BT's agreement and permission and as set out in this letter.

If a community wish to use the kiosk for something that requires significant power (more than 8W), then BT's advice is that you take over the power supply to the kiosk. In such circumstances BT can introduce the community to an electricity provider.

For the avoidance of doubt the community does not have an automatic right to access the unmetered supply, and to do so would be in breach of its adoption contracts.

We are aware of other organisations advising communities they can access the electrical supply and this information is incorrect.

I hope this clarifies the position, and wish you continued success in adopting and converting kiosks for defibrillator use.

Regards

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