Introduction

This issue details a Scottish Government press release on 60,000 Scots trained in CPR.

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More than 60,000 people across Scotland have been given life-saving CPR training in the last 12 months - as part of an unprecedented national collaboration of more than a dozen organisations including emergency services, defence and third sector - to improve the response to out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

The figure was published today in a Scottish Government report reviewing progress in the first year of Scotland’s Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Strategy.

The five-year strategy aims to save 1,000 extra lives by 2020 and equip an additional half a million people in Scotland with CPR skills.

Minister for Public Health, Aileen Campbell, launched the review on a visit to Beeslack High School in Penicuik, where she joined P7 and S1 pupils in a CPR training session.

Ms Campbell said: “Each year in Scotland there are around 3,000 cardiac arrests out-of-hospital. Cardiac arrest is when a person’s heart completely stops and, if this happens, CPR must be administered within minutes or the person will likely die.

“That is why CPR training and education is so vitally important.”  Click here to read the full press release.

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