

How you can Help?

Volunteering...

We are always looking for more responders to join our Rota and provide quality pre-hospital care to the people of the Worth Valley. First aid knowledge is considered an advantage, however all training is provided free by Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

Our Responders come from all walks of life, and between them try to cover 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



If you are interested in joining the team, please read the requirements below and contact Mark Burt, via e-mail or phone number on this leaflet.

Potential CFR?

- There are certain conditions and requirements which are necessary for an effective service;
- You MUST be 18 years or older.
- There is no upper age limit, although you must be able to do a physically demanding role, carrying equipment and performing CPR for up to 20 minutes on your own.
- It is necessary that you either have a driving license and vehicle, or have access to a driver whilst you are on call.
- You should have a sympathetic and caring approach to people.

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- You must be reliable and trust worthy with a mature outlook on life.
- You must be able to work together with others as part of an emergency team.
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service will also run Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks on candidates.



For further details, please contact

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In emergency dial 999 for Ambulance



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Worth Valley Community First Responder Service

What is a First Responder?

First Responders are volunteer members of the community who are trained to respond to medical emergency calls through the 999 system in conjunction with the NHS Ambulance Service.

Our Responders provide immediate care to patients in the Worth Valley Ward where there may be a delay before the arrival of an ambulance. They are trained to deliver Basic Life Support and defibrillation to patients in Cardiac Arrest and appropriate calls including oxygen administration to patients suffering from a range of conditions.

Who Can Become A Community First Responder?

Typically, almost anyone! You must be over 18 years of age, physically fit enough and be able to achieve a satisfactory standard of proficiency after training.

You should have a sympathetic and caring approach to people. You will be reliable and trust worthy with a mature outlook on life. Ideally a Community First Responder should be able to drive and hold a clean driving licence.

A key factor is that a first responder must be able to work together with others as part of an emergency team.



First Responder Schemes are an additional valuable resource which enables people to learn the skills necessary to begin life-saving treatment before ambulance arrives.

Our Responders do not in any way replace existing emergency ambulance services.

What Type Of Incidents Do First Responders Attend?

Our Responders only attend Category "A" calls - (Serious, life threatening):-

- Cardiac arrest
- Unconscious and collapsed patients
- Chest pains (e.g. heart attacks and acute angina)
- Breathing difficulties (e.g. asthma, acute on-set bronchitis/emphysema)
- Diabetic emergencies (e.g. hypoglycemia)
- Seizures (e.g. epilepsy)
- Stroke (CVA)
- Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction)
- Choking patients
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First Responders are not expected to attend emergencies involving children or those considered unsafe or situations that are known to be violent.

Skills and equipment which First Responders are qualified in:-

- Use of Automated. External. Defibrillator (AED)
- Oxygen Therapy
- Bag-Mask-Valve Resuscitation and Airway Adjuncts
- C.P.R. (Cardio. Pulmonary. Resuscitation.)
- First Aid, Patient Care & Assessment
- Recognition of cause and type of illness/injury
- Scene safety & Incident Management



What Area does Worth Valley CFR's Cover?

When you dial 999 for an Ambulance, if you are suffering

from one of the complaints listed above, ambulance control will contact our On Call Responder by Pager and ask them to attend as well as the emergency ambulance on its way to you.

Our team covers the area of the Worth Valley Electoral Ward, although we are not strictly limited by boundary. We usually

attend calls within a 5 - 10 minute drive (at normal speed). This is best represented on the map below.

Unlimited by boundary, more by time - We cover the area of the Worth Valley Electoral Ward

Typically this means Worth Valley Community Responders provide cover to the villages of Oakworth, Stanbury, Oldfield, Haworth, Lees, Crossroads, and Oxenhope.

As you can imagine, it's a large area, and has a static population of approximately 17,000.

Partnerships...

We are working in partnership with Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust, who supply our initial & refresher training, and our equipment bag, and is responsible for calling us out.

We are also grateful to Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury Parish Council, Oxenhope Parish Council, and Keighley Area Committee and of course, the local businesses that we are proud to call friends.