**Community First Responder Wicklow Town**

**Role Description**

Community First Responders Wicklow Town is a voluntary group of trained responders working within the local community to assist the National Ambulance Service with cardiac, stroke & choking emergency care calls within 2.5kms of Wicklow town. The First Responders will always attend a call in pairs with one responder as lead and the other as buddy.

As a First Responder with the Wicklow Town Responders your role will be:

* To represent the group and operate under the policies & procedures laid down by the National Ambulance Service.
* To be on call to attend to incidents of chest pain, cardiac arrest, stroke, choking, chest pain & unconscious/passing out .
* To attend PHECC weekend of certified training & thence monthly training to keep the skills learned updated a minimum of 9 times a year.
* To be rostered for minimum 24 hours a month as per agreement with Rota Manager
* To act as lead or buddy when called to a scene in accordance with training
* To keep the kit bag, AED and phone safe and in working order/charged as per training
* To wear the Hi Viz Vest that is supplied and to ensure that you have all required aids such as gloves, pen, torch, mask.
* To record in the Report Card the details of the call out and submit to ambulance staff or to Group Coordinator
* Act in accordance with code of conduct with professionalism, courtesy & respect.
* Confidentiality is a cornerstone of our service and must be adhered to at all times.
* Attend public events as a First Responder to promote our service & CPR awareness amongst the general public

Skills required:

Medical or first aid training is not required as full training will be given. The skills required are as follows:

* Agree to participate in and complete the PHECC training weekend
* A full clean driving licence
* Ability & willingness to volunteer for a minimum of 24 hours per month
* Willingness to represent the group at public events & assist Lead Instructor with any extra training the group provides to the local community

Screening of volunteers

Volunteers are required to:

* Undergo Garda Vetting
* Attend & complete the PHECC training weekend
* Complete application forms for both NAS & sign code of conduct
* Complete the online CISM course
* Supply two photos
* Attend 9 sessions of monthly local training
* Notify car insurance company