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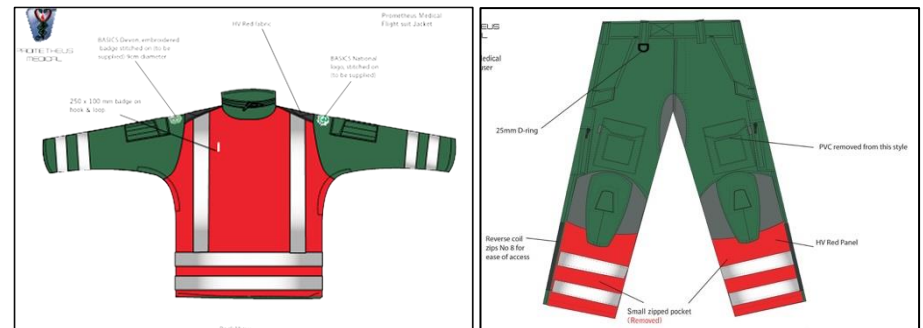
Volunteer emergency doctors across rural Devon delivering Enhanced Medical Care



BASICS Devon was formed in 2014 following the amalgamation of the PLIMS (South Devon) and TACTICS (North Devon) charities. The charity now supports volunteer responding doctors across all of rural Devon. Our roots are in our communities across Devon, and almost every day our volunteers are out enhancing the care delivered to sick and injured patients. This vital work relies on the support of the public and business across Devon. BASICS Devon works closely with and supports the work of South Western Ambulance Service.

2018 Achievements

- Amie Bull, Fundraising Manager, developed her role substantially
- Significantly improved charity profile
- Large increase in fundraising activities
- A number of successful grant applications
- Purchase of five additional end-tidal carbon dioxide and oxygen saturation monitors, all doctors now equipped
- View Ranger mapping for all responders
- Neonatal oxygen sensors purchased for all monitors
- One new active doctor with two in the process of being set up
- 3 more Doctors passed the prestigious Diploma in Immediate Medical Care
- Hosted successful BASICS South West Study Day at Exeter Race Course
- Training with Dartmoor Search and Rescue
- New website up and running with thanks to Web-Select
- Improved corporate governance, including finance policy
- Embedded use of Google Business, streamlining a number of processes including expenses claims
- Worked with Prometheus Medical to design and procure distinctive new protective clothing for all doctors – Delivery in May 2019.



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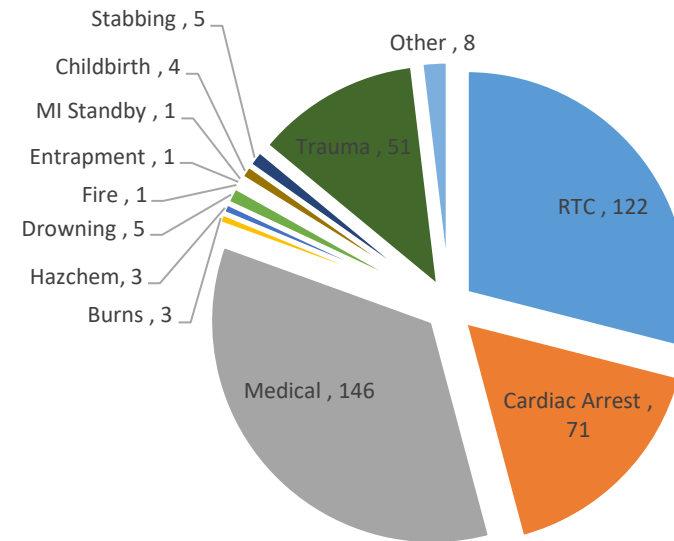
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Incident Activity 2018



2018 activity map

Total Activations	421
Hours Volunteered	30,507
Days Volunteered	3,813



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A Patient Story – The Chain of Survival



On the evening of 25th October we were training with Dartmoor Search and Rescue near Haytor. We received an automated message notifying us of a “Cardiac Arrest” close to our location. We contacted ambulance control, and

Dr Simon Scott-Hayward, Dr Lauren Weeks and Paramedic Nick Ratcliff responded, arriving within 6 minutes of the 999 call. We attended to Gillian Kirkman who is a 54 year old lady. Her husband was performing amazing CPR – we were able to defibrillate her back to her normal heart rhythm prior to the arrival of the ambulance crew. One of our doctors accompanied Gillian to hospital and was able to administer some specialist drugs to provide sedation en route to hospital.

It was an enormous privilege and a humbling experience for the team to meet Gillian and her husband a number of months later.

Fundraising – Amie Bull

The year started well with the award of “Charity of the Year” at Drake Circus Shopping Centre in Plymouth. This proved to be a great platform to help us raise our profile, fundraise and establish corporate relationships with organizations such as Santander. Community fundraising is going from strength to strength with people now approaching to support us. We have received

funding from supermarket community schemes such as Asda and Waitrose and are waiting on the Tesco Bags for Help Scheme. We have had enormous success with grant applications.

Social media presence and activity has increased over the year with 1077 Facebook likes & 1084 Facebook followers along with 1382 twitter followers.

Moving into 2019, we are “Charity of the Year” with the Coop Community Fund, Choccacino Knitting Club, and a number of community events planned in the Summer. A new business plan and fundraising strategy has been produced to assess where we are now, where we want to be and how we are going to get there.

It has been a privilege to support the vital work of BASICS Devon, developing new responders and keeping the team on the road. We look forward to developing the care that the team can deliver in 2019.





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Financial Report – Glenda Cooper, Treasurer

Over the past 3 years we have seen significant financial challenges, during the course of the past financial year we have focused on our fundraising strategy which has seen us improve our financial position in turn this has enabled a number of key clinical developments for the charity.

2018/2019 Financial year

Income	£37,476.52
Outgoings	£31,980.57
Core Running Costs	£1,431.06
Staffing and Fundraising	£10,767.36
Education, Training and responding costs	£17,103.75
Training Day	£2,678.40



The Lone Kayaker – as seen BBC South West

No report would be complete without mentioning Rupert, He has continued to cover thousands of miles on his kayak photographing the South West’s amazing wild life. His winter lecture tour has again been in aid of BASICS Devon both raising money and our profile. Rupert has a family interest in BASICS since a number of his family have been helped by BASICS Doctors. I would encourage anyone with a vague sense of adventure or an interest in wild life to attend one of his talks.

From the Chairman – Dr Simon Scott-Hayward

The 2018/19 financial year has been an enormous success, BASICS Devon has made what can only be described as incredible progress – none of this would have been possible without the dedication of the trustees, fundraisers and volunteer Doctors. I look forward to supporting the charity to develop over the next year and ultimately care for more sick and injured patients across Devon.

Overarching Charity aims for 2019

- Continue to look to improve the balance of trustees, and are on the lookout for individuals who may diversify the trustee group.
- Continue to develop safe and effective corporate governance
- Embed and support our three new responding Doctors
- Work with interested Doctors in North Devon to establish improved cover
- Develop two-year charity strategy and business plan with the aim of establishing core charity funding and improving the longer-term sustainability of the charity. This will include a charity clinical and medical equipment strategy
- Develop and run Emergencies in General Practice Course
- Standardize PAX Bag layout for all responders
- Continue to develop Relationship with SWASFT and local ambulance crews