

SWR partnership for installation of defibrillators

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Hard FM services provider Integral has begun installing defibrillator units across 154 train stations as part of its partnership with rail operator South Western Railway (SWR).

The service provider has been involved from the initial communication and design through to consent, delivery and installation. As the chosen contractor for the scheme, it has worked closely with SWR to deliver this project in the most effective way possible for the infrastructure and passengers, minimising disruption to the public and rail company's operations as well as the impact on the listed sites.

The company's small works team is responsible for collecting the publicly accessible defibrillators, installing the units as closely as possible to the front entrance of stations in protective cabinets and connecting them to the power supply. The defibrillators are in stations across Berkshire, South West London, Surrey, Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Somerset and Devon.

According to the British Heart Foundation, more than 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur every year in the UK but fewer than one in 10 people survive. SWR formed its initiative following the sad loss of a train operator's life due to sudden arrhythmic death syndrome.

The company secured the contract to deliver all planned preventative and reactive maintenance, as well as support with project and small works, across more than 200 sites of SWR's network in April 2023. The agreement is for one year with 1+1 extension terms.

It has provided a dedicated rail team which understands the client's needs through communication, teamwork and the aim of delivering project excellence.

Projects manager Bradley Scott said: “We are privileged to work with SWR on a potentially lifesaving scheme. It’s not just about delivering a great service but also doing our part for a great cause and giving back to local communities. The scheme also demonstrates the crucial support Integral can provide using our skills and expertise as well as our growing delivery capability across the UK’s rail networks.”