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Sir Sadiq Khan Mayor of London

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Dear Sir Sadiq,

The London Assembly Health Committee recently visited Liverpool Street station to learn about the use of defibrillators in TfL stations. This follows the announcement in 2023 that all London Underground and Overground stations are now fitted with public defibrillators.

During the visit, we had the opportunity to meet with staff from the station and London Ambulance Service (LAS), and to take part in lifesaver training from LAS paramedics. We also met with someone whose life had been saved at Liverpool Street station with a defibrillator, which brought home to us just how essential it is to have defibrillators available in as many places as possible across London.

We welcome the installation of defibrillators across the TfL network. But we heard from LAS staff that there is still much more to be done to provide defibrillators at other locations in London. In particular, staff we spoke to mentioned football grounds and housing association properties as sites where there are opportunities to install defibrillators and where there is a need. This follows some work they have done looking into the availability of defibrillators and finding areas where there is poor coverage.

We feel that you have a critical role to play in using your networks to urge organisations across London – including housing associations and football grounds - to prioritise the installation of defibrillators in key locations. We would be grateful if you could use your existing networks and reach out to housing associations and football clubs, and help the London Ambulance Service in their quest of having more of these organisations fitting defibrillators so that more lives can be saved.

I would be grateful if you could please respond to the Committee on this matter by 25 April 2025. Your response should be copied to Diane Richards, the Committee Services Officer (diane.richards@london.gov.uk).

Yours,

Krupesh Hirani AM Chair of the Health Committee