

## **SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE**

### 1. NAME

The service shall be known as the Somerset Accident Voluntary Emergency Service (SAVES)

### 2. OBJECT

The object of SAVES is the relief of persons suffering sickness or injury in the area of benefit by the provision of immediate medical treatment to any person injured in any serious accident or medical emergency within Somerset and surrounding counties.

### 5. POWERS

The service may undertake all lawful actions which in the view of the Management Committee may further the objects of the service and without prejudice to the generality of such powers may:

- a) Provide a radio call system for the use of the doctors who are members of the service and the equipment of their cars with specialised emergency medical equipment and to co-operate with other similar services for emergency care in accidents
- b) Provide, inspect, maintain and replace supplies and services calculated to promote the objects of the service
- c) Recruit and train persons to implement the service
- d) To co-ordinate services for medical treatment provided by the police, fire and ambulance services and the medical profession
- e) Allow the use of the service and equipment of the service in non-emergency cases provided that this can be done without interference with the carrying out of the objects of the service
- f) Collect retain and disseminate information relating to the provision of medical treatment as aforesaid including the advertisement of the service

### 4. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- a) The Management Committee shall number five and include a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; at least three of the Committee shall be medical practitioners. The Management Committee may co-opt additional members who may vote on all matters except those reserved by the non-co-opted members for their own decision. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in case voting shall be equal; at any meeting three shall constitute a quorum provided at least two are medical practitioners.
- b) The Management Committee shall be appointed at the first meeting of SAVES and re-appointed at annual general meetings. No more than two medical practitioners from one medical practice may be members of the Management Committee;
- c) Any property or assets held by SAVES (save money at the bank or cash) shall be vested in the names of four Trustees who shall be nominated by the Management Committee
- d) The Management Committee shall have power to pay salaries and professional fees and to reimburse the reasonable out of pocket expenses of members of the Committee and other persons for the purpose of implementing the service
- e) The Management Committee may appoint auditors
- f) The Management Committee shall maintain a register of members of SAVES
- g) The Management Committee shall maintain a register of medical practitioners implementing the service
- h) The Management Committee shall have power to appoint a fund raising Committee to raise funds for SAVES on such terms and conditions as the Committee shall from time to time decide.

## 5. GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) A General Meeting shall be held
  - (i) at least once in each calendar year
  - (ii) at any time at the discretion of the Management Committee;
  - (iii) at any time upon a requisition signed by four or more general practitioners implementing the service delivered to the Secretary
- b) The Secretary shall give 21 days notice of a General Meeting to the Management Committee and all medical practitioners implementing the service and to Members of the service. All persons to whom notice is sent shall be entitled to attend the General Meeting but only medical practitioners and members of the Management Committee shall be entitled to vote
- c) The Management Committee shall cause the accounts to be placed before the Annual General Meeting

## 6. MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE

Membership shall be open to all persons interested in SAVES at the discretion of the management committee and the following honorary membership appointments shall be made by the Management Committee after their own election at the first meeting of SAVES and thereafter at each Annual General Meeting:-

- Patron (one)
- President (one)
- Vice President (number to be decided by the Management Committee)

Members may be either annual, life or corporate members and shall be invited to make such donation as shall be resolved from time to time as a condition of their membership.

Certain members shall also be classified as "active medical members". These will be registered medical practitioners, approved by the Medical Committee who form the group of medical responders implementing the service and supported by the charity

## 7. OFFICE

The Office of the Service shall be at North Curry Health Centre, Greenway, North Curry, Taunton, Somerset TA3 6NQ, or such other place as shall be notified in writing to the Charity Commissioners

## 8. AMENDMENTS

At any meeting convened in accordance with Rule 5 the service may be amended provided that no amendment shall be made that shall have the effect of making the service cease to be a charity at law or shall allow any of its income to be applied for non-charitable purposes.

## 9. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the service being wound up property remaining after the discharge of the service debts and liabilities of the service shall pass to another charitable institution with similar objects at the discretion of the management committee.