



The Formentera Department of Sport has launched an effort to give clubs and athletes access to training and install new defibrillators in sports facilities on the island. Defibrillators have also been installed in local seniors' clubs, the first at Casa del Poble de la Mola. FDS chair Paula Ferrer said the initiative was about "making sport safer and building awareness among athletes, clubs and fans about the importance of safeguards and responsible conduct".

This July new defibrillators have been installed at the Nautical Sports Centre (Centre d'Esports Nàutics de Formentera, CENF), tennis and paddle tennis courts and the Antoni Blanc Sports Centre. In addition, defibrillators at municipal facilities like the football pitch and swimming pool have been upgraded, and a new device will soon be installed in the Marc Ferrer Secondary School gym.

Last Saturday, athletes, club members and Consell staff took part in a new training session (the first happened in May) to learn how to use semi-automatic defibrillators. The programme was led by Emergency Staff.

Defibrillators in old persons' clubs

By request, a defibrillator was also installed in Casa del Poble de la Mola and staff there were trained in emergency response. Chief of the seniors department, Ana Juan, said local government was committed to making all of Formentera's elderly clubs heart-healthy spaces with defibrillators.

With basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillators, non-health workers can offer early and vital assistance in cases of cardiorespiratory arrest.

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