



The following quotes are taken from the government report on preventing Sudden Cardiac Death in Ireland. Please look at the map below to see how most of the country has response times outside the ideal 5 minutes.

Reducing the Risk: A Strategic Approach The Report of the Task Force on Sudden Cardiac Death

“Survival rates following cardiac arrest are directly related to time to resuscitation and in particular defibrillation. If defibrillated within 5 minutes, survival rates are approximately 50% and potentially higher with younger patients.”

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“It is now generally accepted that the time to defibrillation is the single most important determinant of survival after cardiac arrest. The ESC Task Force recommended that out-of-hospital defibrillation should be delivered within 5 minutes of receipt of the EMS call.”

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Response Time
Assumes Inter-regional Services

