

What happened in the Denmark vs Finland match?

During Denmark's opening Euro 2020 game, footballer Christian Eriksen became very ill just before half-time in the match. The team's captain, Simon Kjaer is being hailed a hero for rushing over to help and offer potentially a life-saving response. The game was suspended as he was given treatment on the pitch and eventually taken to a nearby hospital, where he's recovering well.



A message in one of the Euro matches for Christian Erikson

Professor Stephen Powis, the National Medical Director for NHS England.

During the pandemic, tens of thousands of people volunteered to support the hugely successful NHS vaccination programme. Since Eriksen's collapse, we have also seen kind-hearted Brits sharing information online on how to do CPR and save a life. I'm calling on them to go one step further and train to teach CPR as we know this will mean more lives like Christian Eriksen's will be saved!

What is the NHS and St John Ambulance hoping to do?

The NHS is to launch a new drive to teach emergency first aid skills after footballer Christian Eriksen's life was saved by CPR.

Volunteers will be sent into schools, with children taught how to recognise and respond to cardiac arrest, as part of the rollout.

The partnership with St John Ambulance comes after the charity saw a 1,000% increase in calls asking for CPR training following Denmark's football match.

The programme will develop a network of people in communities to raise awareness of the importance of first aid, in an attempt to save up to 4,000 lives each year by 2028!