Health Care Professionals and First Aid at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)

Health Care Professionals
Health Care Professionals are exempt from a qualification in first aid if they can demonstrate current knowledge and skills in first aid; and the training and experience to qualify them to administer first aid in the workplace without the need to hold a FAW or EFAW or equivalent qualification. These include:

- Doctors registered and licensed with the General Medical Council;
- Nurses registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council;
- Paramedics registered with the Health and Care Professions Council.

First Aid provision
Whilst first aid is provided at QMUL by qualified first aiders within the framework of a Building Based system, it is noted that Whitechapel, Charterhouse Square and West Smithfield Campuses can have an estimated 30-50 medical doctors / nursing staff on each site during the course of a normal working day, along with 3 qualified nurses based in Occupational Health Service at Mile End Campus. It is not expected as a matter of routine that these medical professionals should assist Building Based First Aiders in a first aid incident QMUL Health & Safety Directorate (HSD) however extend their gratitude to those that do.

QMUL First Aiders are responsible for

- Administering first aid in all environments, subject to any local restriction and in accordance with their level of qualification. This includes overall control of the incident/accident, contacting the emergency services, organising other assistance e.g. security and medical professionals.
- Ensuring first aid incidents are reported to the HSD via the QMUL Accident & Incident Reporting system
- Replenishing first aid equipment/material used to treat a casualty.
- Highlighting any failures in the QMUL first aid response system.

The role of a Medical Professional

- ALL significant First Aid incidents should be dealt with by a Building Based First Aider unless only a local first aider is available (e.g. out of hours). Assistance from available medical professionals is welcome.
- Familiarisation of local and QMUL procedures when contact the emergency services and reporting of incidents.
- The Incident must be reported to the QMUL School / Institute / Directorate Safety Coordinator and the HSD via the QMUL Accident and Incident Reporting form at [http://hsd.qmul.ac.uk/Accident%20Reporting/index.html](http://hsd.qmul.ac.uk/Accident%20Reporting/index.html) (A list of QMUL Safety Coordinators is at [http://hsd.qmul.ac.uk/A-Z/Safety%20Coordinators/index.html](http://hsd.qmul.ac.uk/A-Z/Safety%20Coordinators/index.html))
- The first aid stock used in the incident should be replaced, what was used should be reported to the First Aider responsible for replenishing the first aid boxes (normally noted on the box). The School / Institute / Directorate Safety Coordinator should be informed if the first aider responsible for the box is not known. A list of what a first aid box should contain can be found on the HSD First Aid topic webpage [http://hsd.qmul.ac.uk/A-Z/First%20Aid/index.html](http://hsd.qmul.ac.uk/A-Z/First%20Aid/index.html)
- Further information on first aid, the QMUL First Aid Policy document, the role and responsibilities of first aiders, first aid stock training can be found on the QMUL HSD topic web page [http://hsd.qmul.ac.uk/A-Z/First%20Aid/index.html](http://hsd.qmul.ac.uk/A-Z/First%20Aid/index.html)