WOLFSON INSTITUTE OF POPULATION HEALTH (WIPH) HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Statement

Wolfson Institute of Population Health (WIPH) has the health, safety and welfare of its staff and students as an upmost priority, recognising the vital role good health and safety practices have in the workplace. Health, Safety and Welfare (including fire safety) is managed using the Queen Mary University of London's Health & Safety Policy as a minimum standard and in accordance with the Health & Safety at Work Act etc 1974 and the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

The Institute will make available resources of time and money as far as reasonably practicable so that the Queen Mary Health and Safety policy can be implemented. It will encourage and arrange for training and instruction of staff in health and safety matters so that safe systems of work can be practiced throughout.

WIPH Arrangements for Health and Safety

WIPH will have at least one Safety Coordinator appointed, who will advise and assist the Institute Director with health and safety management and issues in the Institute. WIPH may also appoint local persons responsible for health & safety in areas that contain specialist hazards (e.g. teaching/research laboratories) along with Fire Marshals and First Aiders, as appropriate. The Safety Coordinator/s and local responsible persons will assist and ensure suitable and sufficient risk assessments are carried out and reviewed regularly by line managers for all work activities involving hazards. They will also ensure all health and safety related equipment within their area is adequately maintained.

Health and Safety management issues and concerns will be discussed and addressed in WIPH team / Centre meetings and significant issues for action raised at the Executive meeting. Annual health and safety inspections will be conducted for WIPH workspaces along with regular monitoring checks. Mandatory health and safety inductions will be provided for all new members of staff with additional training enabled for working with specific hazards or processes. WIPH has appropriate arrangements and guidance for health & safety at work provided through the WIPH intranet and the QMUL Health and Safety Directorate website.

Signed:

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