

CRITICAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT – INFORMATION FOR SLG

To be read in conjunction with Policy for Management of Educational Visits & Policy for Regular Visits, Trips and Fixtures

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Definition of a Critical Incident:

When a group undertaking an off-site activity and any member of the group has been involved in an incident where a group member has:

- suffered a life threatening injury or fatality
- is at serious risk
- has gone missing for a significant and unacceptable period.

In such a case, the incident should be treated as a “critical incident” and this guidance and procedures should be implemented.

Principles and Priorities:

- To meet the needs of the group in crisis
- To meet and support the needs of the establishment, its community, parents, relatives and friends
- To respond to the needs of other agencies
- To respond to media demands.

In the event of a critical incident the member of SLG receiving the call from the trip leader should alert members of the Critical Incident Management Team (CIMT). This includes:

- Claire Coates
- Sean Sumner
- Philippa Boyns
- Stephen Munday

According to the nature of the incident, the CIMT will need to be able to:

- gain direct and immediate access to an effective communication system/network that will enable the provision of indirect advice and guidance to the establishment/setting/group affected
- appoint a Travelling Team (TT) with the resources to provide direct support, both at the establishment and at the venue of the group in crisis.

Travelling Team

Where a critical incident occurs during off-site activities or visits taking place in a venue that is significantly distant from the employer’s geographical catchments (whether within the UK or abroad) it may be necessary to dispatch a Travelling Team (TT) of appropriately experienced staff to the venue of the incident.

The role of the TT is to manage:

- the needs of the injured in the group
- the needs of the uninjured
- the support of relatives who may arrive at the locality
- the interface with other authorities, emergency services and the media

- the provision of advice and guidance to the establishment and CIMT, so that
- coordinated support and care plans can be implemented
- the support of the group when returning to their home base.

Contacts

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Children’s Social Services

Emergency Planning Unit of the county in which the incident has occurred

Local Police HQ

British embassy / consulate

Media Considerations

All discussions with the media should take place only after consultation with Claire Coates or Sean Sumner.