

## Service Description – IEC Intermediate Practitioner

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The IEC Intermediate course is the perfect starting point for organisations that are embarking on a project to deliver pre-hospital care above the level of First Aid at Work.

It is also the perfect solution for Fire and Rescue Services with a high volume of retained stations.

Designed in conjunction with Fire & Rescue specialists, police, military and NHS professionals, it is delivered by instructors who work at the cutting edge of pre and in-hospital care.

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### AIM OF THIS COURSE

The aim of the course is to reduce preventable pre-hospital deaths by training candidates to identify and treat life-threatening emergencies and prepare casualties for rapid evacuation to hospital.

Originally tailored for Fire & Rescue Services, where it has been widely adopted, it is ideal for any emergency services, law enforcement or security personnel and all those working in remote areas. With specific modules for burns, suspension trauma and crush injuries, further modules can be tailored to suit your specific organisational risks. The course fulfils the National Police Firearms Training Curriculum D.13 modules.

The IEC Intermediate Practitioner course is delivered as an intensive three-day advanced first aid and trauma course.

During this time candidates will learn all the medical skills required to deal with trauma and medical emergency patients in their working environment. They will be assessed and guided throughout the three days of the IEC Intermediate course, culminating in a series of written and practical tests. The training is delivered using a mix of lecture presentation, group scenario exercises and lots of practical skill-based sessions.

The syllabus includes the following :-

- Kinematics – How to perform a ‘SCENE’ approach and predict injuries based on the forces and motion involved.
- Catastrophic bleeding control – Learn to manage catastrophic external bleeding with the use of advanced pressure dressings and tourniquets



- Airway management – Develop skills in identifying and managing airway obstructions, including the use of suction devices and adjuncts such as oral, nasal airways
- Breathing – Study serious chest injuries and their management, including Oxygen therapy.
- Circulation – Examine how the circulatory system works and how to identify and treat shock
- Disability – Identify and treat head injuries and learn how to prevent secondary brain injuries
- Extremity Trauma – Identify and treat fractures and soft tissue injury using a wide range of splints and slings
- Burns – Understand the different types, severity, and treatment of burns
- Packaging and evacuation – Learn the different ways of packaging casualties for rapid evacuation and choose appropriate extrication and transport equipment for time-critical patients
- Special Circumstances – Discuss adaptations for treatment for victims of drowning, crush injury and suspension trauma
- Paediatrics – Understand the differences between adults and children and adaptations required when assessing and treating the ill or injured child.
- CPR and AEDs – Learn the Resuscitation Council 2015 guidelines and the safest and most effective way to use AEDs

The IEC course is equivalent to PHEM (Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine) Level C, as defined by the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care for providers. Upon completion, students are awarded an IEC Intermediate Practitioner certificate.

Candidates also have the option to receive a First Aid at Work certificate, subject to an additional fee.



### **IEC INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATES**

IEC Intermediate Practitioners are certified to deliver IEC skills for 3 years. This is subject to a maintenance of skills schedule, and requalification before the expiry of their certificates by attending a 2-day requalification course.



**NOTE**

The award of the IEC certificate indicates that you have successfully completed the course and completed the assessments but **does not** constitute a licence to practise, without the associated **Clinical Governance**.

Without this, employers themselves are responsible for establishing that their staff have the capabilities requisite to their setting, essential in the interests of patient health and safety. The holding by an individual of a Certificate of Qualification from Trauma Resus does not reduce their responsibility in that aspect.

