

## **Medical Advice to Students**

We welcome you to St Giles London Central and we hope that you will enjoy your time here.

Please find below some information about what to do if you need medical help.

Firstly, we would always recommend that you contact **the GP Practice in the area where you live**. In order to find the nearest GP practice, please go to the NHS (National Health Service) website: [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk). Using your postcode, you will be able to search for the nearest GP practice, Walk-in Centre or Hospital. If you are planning to stay here for a longer period of time, we would suggest that you register yourself with your nearest GP. If you are from the EU you will need to register there as a temporary patient and the treatment will be covered on the NHS but you will have to pay for the prescription in full (if required). You may have to try a few practices as the one nearest to you may not be accepting new patients. You will find information about this on the NHS website.

If you are here for a short period of time and you have a minor problem (cold, inflammation), you can go to a local pharmacy (e.g. Boots – [www.boots.com](http://www.boots.com)) where you will be able to get advice on treatment. London's only 24-hour pharmacy is located at Zafash, 233-5 Old Brompton Road, SW5 0EA. Tel: 020 7373 2798. Nearest Station: Earl's Court Tube.

All students are very welcome to visit **The Soho Practice**, which is a walk-in centre and is open till late daily (1 Frith Street, London, W1D 3QS). Tel: 020 7534 6500. It is free if you are from an EU country. If you are from a non-EU country, you will be charged about £75.00 for a consultation and you will also need to pay for any medication which you may need.

If you need health advice outside school hours, you can call NHS direct on 111. They can also advise you on what to do if you need dental treatment.

If you feel that you need a doctor to come to your home, you can call Doctorcall on 0844 257 9507 / 08442570345. The fee for a daytime call is currently £155.00 (07.00- 18.00), £175 for an evening call (18.00- 22.00) and £215 for a night call (22.00-07.00).

If it is an **EMERGENCY** and you need an ambulance, call 999. If you are able to, go to your nearest A&E (Accidents and Emergency). You can find out on the NHS website where your nearest A&E department can be found. The nearest one to St. Giles is: University College Hospital, 235 Euston Road, London NW1 2BU. Tel: 0845 1555 000.

Emergency treatment is free for all students.

If you need emergency dental treatment please go to Guy's Hospital, Acute Dental Care, Floor 23, Great Maze Pond, SE1 9RT. Tel: 020 7188 0512.

**If you need confidential advice please speak to our Welfare Officer Nathalie the Accommodation & Welfare Office**