



BRITISH ACCREDITATION COUNCIL INSPECTION REPORT

INTERIM INSPECTION (Short Course Provider)

ORGANISATION: Prometheus Medical Ltd

ADDRESS: The Old Rectory
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Herefordshire
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HEAD OF ORGANISATION: Dr Malcolm Russell (Chief Executive Officer)

Accreditation status: Accredited

Date of inspection: 1 August 2014

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE DECISION AND DATE: Continued accreditation 4 September 2014

PART A - INTRODUCTION

1. Background to the organisation

Prometheus Medical Ltd was established in the UK in 2006. Prometheus delivers medical training to a wide range of audiences and has established a large faculty of experienced instructors, all working at the forefront of emergency medicine and clinical care. This ensures a unique understanding of both the clinical requirements of individual personnel, and also the tactical and political context in which they will be working. Prometheus has sole ownership of a residential training complex with two classroom blocks and outbuildings set in over eleven acres.

2. Brief description of the current provision

Current course provision includes VIPER (VIP Emergency Responder) refresher course, Military Medic Ambulance Technician conversion course, ExpeMed Expedition Medicine course, MIMMS (Major Incident Medical Management and Support) course, UK HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Service) Helicopter Crew course, IHCD Instructional Methods, Tactical and Security (including governmental and private organisations), Emergency Services (police, medical, emergency and rescue), Maritime Industry (management companies, crews and enthusiasts), Pre-hospital ultrasound, Private and Corporate Customers, and Adventure (expeditions, world travel and outdoor activities).

3. Inspection process

The organisation was again very well prepared for the inspection and relevant information was readily available, easily navigable and of a very high standard.

4. Inspection history

Full inspection: 11 and 12 June 2013

Interim inspection: 1 August 2014

PART B – JUDGEMENTS AND EVIDENCE

The following judgements and comments are based upon evidence seen by the inspector(s) during the inspection and from documentation provided by the provider

1. Significant changes since the last inspection

(If there has been a change of premises which has not been reported on previously, please include a full report on the new premises)

There have been no significant changes since the last inspection.

2. Response to actions points in last report

It was suggested that It would be useful to give actual contact numbers in the student handbook for local GPs and Dentists and where some facilities can be found, for example cashpoint machines. This was done immediately and very local guidance and information is now provided.

3. Compliance with BAC accreditation requirements – spot check

3.1 Management, Staffing and Administration

	Met	Partially met	Not met	NA
The standards are judged to be	✓			
Comments There are now four part-time teaching staff, no full-time staff and 92 self-employed, working on a consultancy basis. Fourteen office staff provide administrative support throughout the company. Recruitment procedures have been revised to make them more robust and this is working well.				

3.2 Teaching, Learning and Assessment

	Met	Partially met	Not met	NA
The standards are judged to be	✓			
Comments There are senior personnel in place and all are responsible for monitoring and reviewing teaching, learning and assessment on an ongoing basis. Prometheus has just achieved centre approval from Future Quils to deliver Conflict Resolution training and assessors and IVAs are in the process of being trained.				

3.3 Participant Welfare

	Met	Partially met	Not met	NA
The standards are judged to be	✓			
Comments The Training Manager takes responsibility for pastoral support and ensures that travel, accommodation and other relevant advice is prepared and made available. The Training Manager's number is a key point of contact at all times. In addition, there are on-site personnel available to ensure learners are given support and guidance as necessary. Instructors also stay on-site during the duration of the course so are there to offer support if necessary. The student handbook gives details of local contacts and facilities.				

3.4 Premises and Facilities

	Met	Partially met	Not met	NA
The standards are judged to be	✓			
<p>Comments</p> <p>The centre has full ownership of and access to the premises. Additional resources can be accessed when necessary, for example the leisure centre or race course in Hereford. In addition, practical placements are arranged as appropriate.</p> <p>Learners are well provided for and the library has a range of books they can have on loan during the duration of their studies. There is also wireless internet provision, a laptop and a gym. Catering facilities are excellent and support a range of dietary needs.</p> <p>A vending machine is now available for learners, providing snacks and drinks.</p>				

PART C – SUMMARY OF STRENGTHS AND ACTION POINTS

Institution's strengths

The centre continues to review its provision and is adding to it on an ongoing basis. For example Pre-hospital ultrasound and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East.

A revised Instructor's handbook has been introduced which is very detailed and contains country and course etiquette.

Teaching and learning utilises a range of methodologies to suit the needs of learners and to ensure assessment is appropriate and meets the required outcomes.

Learner numbers are substantially increasing particularly overseas.

Actions required	Priority H/M/L
None	

COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Declaration of compliance has been signed and dated.	Yes
Further comments, if applicable	