

# FACILITIES

## Guidance Notes For The Wearing of Stab/Slash Proof Protective Vests

The protective vests have been supplied as a precautionary measure to reduce the risk of injury to the wearer from the use of knives, blades and needles/syringes.

Please note particularly that the protective vest is NOT a 'bullet proof' vest, and that the vest should always be worn fully zipped up to provide the designed level of protection.

The University advises staff that the protective vests be worn at all times when carrying out security duties on foot patrol or undertaking external duties.

The vests should be removed during refreshment and meal breaks.

It may take a while for you and your body to become accustomed to the wearing of the vests. Facilities will monitor the situation, but if a staff member has any concerns or experiences any adverse affect due to the wearing of the vests, then Facilities management should be informed immediately.

It is important to be aware that staff wearing protective vests should NOT now assume that they are more capable of tackling people who it may or may not be evident are carrying a knife/blade. The same degree of caution and care should be adopted as would normally be applied if not be wearing a protective vest.

Staff issued with protective vests should read and follow the attached wearing/cleaning instructions.

**I confirm that I have fully read and understand the above guidelines and the attached guidance notes.**

**Name:** .....

**Sign:** .....

**Date:** .....