

## **Update – Novel Coronavirus Outbreak**

29th January 2020

### **Advice for staff and students currently in or travelling to China on University business or authorised educational activity.**

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) now advises against all travel to Hubei Province due to the ongoing novel coronavirus outbreak. Their advice is that if you are in this area and able to leave, you should do so – <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

The FCO also now advises against all but essential travel to the rest of mainland China (not including Hong Kong and Macao).

The University Mutual Association Limited (UMAL), which provides cover for Queen's University Belfast, including travel and medical cover, has taken a policy decision to consider claims in relation to early return to the UK from China.

**This will, subject to individual circumstances, provide cover for the reimbursement of additional travel costs associated with staff and students returning to the UK earlier than planned or scheduled.**

Claims should be submitted to [claims@umal.co.uk](mailto:claims@umal.co.uk)

UMAL's advice is that staff and students should use their usual travel providers (for example, the University's appointed Travel Management Company, Selective Travel) to make these arrangements, but, if help is needed, advice can be sought from Drum Cussac, who can be contacted via UMAL's emergency contact details:

- Tel: +44 (0)2920 662425
- E-mail: [UMAL@global-response.co.uk](mailto:UMAL@global-response.co.uk)
- **Please quote the Queen's University Belfast reference: UMAL170**

Read the latest Foreign and Commonwealth Office travel advice at: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>