Needlestick and Sharps Injuries.
What to do if they occur.

Action to be taken following a Sharps, Splash or Bite Injury with exposure to potentially infectious material.

**Wounds**
Gently Encourage Bleeding
Wash with soap and water but do not scrub
Cover with a dry dressing

**Report the incident to the Supervisor, FirstAider or HSC**
Ensure the incident is reported on the Incident Reporting System
Keep the details of the potentially infectious material source and contact details of individual affected
If there is not exposure to infectious material. Report the incident only as follow up is not required.

**Splash Incidents**
If in eyes remove contact lenses and irrigate with cold running water.
If in mouth rinse mouth with cold water.

If there is exposure to infectious material attend Accident and Emergency at the Royal Berkshire Hospital and advise that you have had a needlestick injury.
They will usually take some blood from you and explain what they will do with the sample.
Any other action or treatment will be discussed with you.

Inform occupational Health about the incident ASAP
Telephone EXT 8635
You will be advised of any follow up that is required.