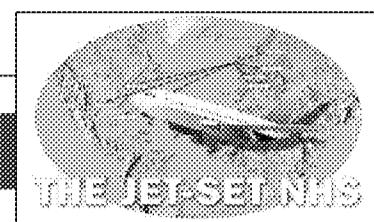


SPECIAL INVESTIGATION



Safety forum manager Pedro Delgado's 2007-2010 itinerary

Trip 1
2007/8: BOSTON
\$8,500 in course fees;
Flights and accommodation
(4-star Charles Hotel): £2,400

Trip 2
PARIS
Course fees: £705
Estimated flight and
accommodation (4-star Palais des
Congrès): £750

Trips 3,4 and 5
2008/9: BOSTON, three times
Total course fees: \$13,500.
Estimated flights and
accommodation: £3,500
(4-star Charles hotel)

Trip 6
SAN DIEGO
Estimated course fees, travel and
accommodation costs: £1,500

Trip 7
November 2008: SWEDEN
Course fees: £580
Estimated flights and
accommodation: £700
(4-star Clarion hotel)

Trip 8
March 2009: BERLIN
Course fees: £800.
Estimated flights and
accommodation: £700
(4-star Kastania hotel)

Trip 9
NASHVILLE
Estimated course, travel and
accommodation costs: £2,200

Trip 10
2009/10: BOSTON
Course fees: \$925
Estimated flights and
accommodation (Lake Morey
resort, Vermont): £1,100

Trip 11
FLORIDA:
Course fees: \$780
Estimated travel and
accommodation (Marriott Resort
Convention Centre): £1,085

■ The above figures exclude the
cost of food and drink, mileage and
taxis. These are submitted as staff
expense claims.





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The NHS boss overseas trips

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Linfield, Carrick and Dungannon Swifts.

He now works in the US as director for the Institute for Health Improvement (IHI).

It hosted many of the international courses he attended while working for Northern Ireland's health service.

The revelation comes as part of a wider Irish News investigation into the cost of overseas training courses and conferences for senior staff in the health service.

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NORTHERN Ireland health service manager was flown around the world for training courses – making 11 overseas trips in three years at taxpayers' expense.

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Four-star luxury accommodation was provided in both European and US destinations and included the Charles hotel in Boston and the Clarion hotel in Sweden.

The trips were funded by the Health and Social Care Safety Forum, a body launched by the chief medical officer Dr Michael McBride in 2007 to promote a "safety culture".

Venezuelan-born Mr Delgado was the forum's assistant director. A talented footballer, he won an under-21 cap for his country and then played for

It emerged that a total of 50 managers have been flown around the world over the past three years at a cost of £350,000 to taxpayers.

Many of the trips continue despite a strongly-worded directive from the Department of Health last year which warned NHS staff to curtail such spending.

Health chiefs have defended the trips, saying they "save lives". However, health minister Michael McGimpsey – who initially dismissed the revelations as a "non-story" – performed a dramatic U-turn last month, saying he would be seeking "personal assurances" from chief executives organising future foreign travel.

Despite making repeated re-

"My efforts and passion were always focused on making a difference for patients as a way of paying back the incredible opportunities I was afforded"

Pedro Delgado, pictured

quests, *The Irish News* has been unable to obtain the invoices and costs for Mr Delgado's travel and subsistence