



SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

Safety forum manager Pedro Delgado's 2007-2010 itinerary

<p>Trip 1 2007/8: BOSTON \$8,500 in course fees: Flights and accommodation (4-star Charles Hotel): £2,400</p> <p>Trip 2 PARIS Course fees: £705 Estimated flight and accommodation (4-star Palais des Congres): £750</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Trip 6 SAN DIEGO Estimated course fees, travel and accommodation costs: £1,500</p> <p>Trip 7 November 2008: SWEDEN Course fees: £580 Estimated flights and accommodation: £700 (4-star Clarion hotel)</p>	<p>Trip 8 March 2009: BERLIN Course fees: £800. Estimated flights and accommodation: £700 (4-star Kastania hotel)</p> <p>Trip 9 NASHVILLE Estimated course, travel and accommodation costs: £2,200</p> <p>Trip 10 2009/10: BOSTON Course fees: \$925 Estimated flights and accommodation (Lake Morey resort, Vermont): £1,100</p> <p>Trip 11 FLORIDA: Course fees: \$780 Estimated travel and accommodation (Marriott Resort Convention Centre): £1,085</p> <p>■ The above figures exclude the cost of food and drink, mileage and taxis. These are submitted as staff expense claims.</p>
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The NHS boss overseas trips

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non Swifts.

He now works in the US as di-
rector for the Institute for
Health Improvement (IHI).

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

The revelation comes as part
of a wider Irish News investi-
gation into the cost of over-
seas training courses and
conferences for senior staff in
the health service.

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 di-
rective 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 minis-
ter Michael McGimpsey – who
initially dismissed the revela-
tions as a "non-story" – per-
formed a dramatic U-turn last
month, saying he would be
seeking "personal assurances"
from chief executives organis-
ing 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

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

Pedro Delgado travelled to
Paris, Berlin, San Diego, Swe-
den, Nashville, Florida and to
Boston five times to learn
about patient safety between
2007 and this year.

Four-star luxury accommo-
dation 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 di-
rector. A talented footballer,
he won an under-21 cap for his
country and then played for

mandela hall saturday **sold out** 2011
extra date: sunday 20 february 2011

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