

HOW SAFE ARE WE ?



Conference on patient safety and quality in healthcare today and tomorrow

3 September 2013

Venue: Harpa / Kaldalón

Programme

Chair: Magnús Gottfreðsson, Professor, University of Iceland

- 12:00 - 13:00** **Registration**
- 13:00 - 13:10** **Opening of the conference**
Leifur Bárðarson, acting Chief Medical Officer
- 13:10 - 13:20** **Notes from the Ministry of Welfare**
Kristján Þór Júlíusson, Minister of Health
- 13:20 - 14:00** **Keynote I : What does safe healthcare really mean?**
Sir Liam Donaldson, Professor, Imperial College, London
- 14:00 - 15:00** **What does safe healthcare mean in different settings in Iceland ?**
- **The Directorate of Health**
Laura Sch. Thorsteinsson, Project Manager
 - **At a speciality hospital - FSA**
Hildigunnur Svavarsdóttir, Chief Nursing Executive
 - **At the nursing home - Sóltún**
Anna Birna Jensdóttir, Chief Executive Officer
 - **Perspective of a junior doctor**
Eyjólfur Þorkelsson, MD
 - **User perspective**
Andrés Ragnarsson, Patient representative (NGO)
- 15:00 - 15:30** **Coffee**
- 15.30 - 15.50** **Patient safety and incidents of medical errors in Icelandic hospitals**
Sigurður Guðmundsson, Consultant in internal medicine and infectious diseases, LSH
- Kl. 15.50 - 16.10** **Can incidents lead to safer care ?**
Alma D. Möller, Head of intensive care, LSH
- 16:10 - 16:45** **Keynote II: Progress concerning patient safety: Past – present - future**
Sir Liam Donaldson, Professor, Imperial College, London
- 16:45 - 17:00** **Summary and closure**
Guðmundur Þorgeirsson, Professor of Medicine, University of Iceland



Sir Liam Donaldson, Envoy for Patient Safety, World Health Organization

Sir Liam served as Chairman of the World Alliance for Patient Safety since its creation in 2004 and was named WHO Envoy for Patient Safety on behalf of the Director-General of WHO in July 2011. Under his leadership, the WHO Patient Safety Programme grew from a small initiative within WHO's Health Systems activities to a global advocacy and scientific community, with activities in over 140 countries and all six regions of the World Health Organization. He also serves as Chair of the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and is Professor at Imperial College, London and Chair of Health Policy at the Institute for Global Health Innovation and involved in work on patient safety incident reporting in the British NHS.

Sir Liam is also the former Chief Medical Officer for England and held this historic post from 1998 to 2010. Among his many public honors are:

- *14 honorary doctorates from British universities*
- *Eight fellowships from medical royal colleges and faculties*
- *The Gold Medal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*
- *The Queen's Honorary Physician between 1996 and 1999*
- *He was Knighted in the 2002 New Year's Honours List. Sir Liam was appointed as Chancellor of Newcastle University, succeeding Lord Patten of Barnes from 1 August 2009*
- *Picker Institute Award for Excellence 2006*
- *World Health Executive Forum Distinguished Leader Award 2008.*

Sir Liam is co-author of a standard textbook of public health (Donaldson's Essential Public Health), a history of the Chief Medical Officers of England (The Nation's Doctor) and 200 papers in peer-reviewed journals