

[IOSH National Safety and Health Conference – 14 Sept 2017, Nottingham](#)

Date and location

Thursday 20 October 2016 from 09:15 to 16:00, The Netherwood Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, LA11 6ET

Event overview

This one-day seminar builds on the HSE's campaign to raise awareness of work-related ill health. It will demonstrate the need for employers to have effective management and training strategies to ensure that employees are protected from occupational health risks.

It will be of interest to managers and supervisors, union representatives, small business owners and trainees, safety professionals, occupational health nurses and safety trainers.

Further Information and booking

To view further information and to book your place please visit the [IOSH website](#).

[NASHiCS – National Health & Safety Conference for Social Care -“The Fair Way to a Safer Way” – 12-13 Sept 2017, Northamptonshire](#)

National Association for Safety and Health in Care Services (NASHiCS), Social Care Safety Forum.

Date and location

Tuesday 13th September 2016
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Brayford Wharf North, Lincoln LN1 1YW

Forum overview

A forum for those responsible for Health and Safety.

Interact with colleagues, hear about key developments including: Operation Jasmine & Winterbourne (post reports review), Legal updates, Fire Safety, Moving & handling, Emergency Access & Egress.

Presenters include the Health and Safety Executive, Lincolnshire Fire service, lawyers and a Forensic Client provider. Come along and keep up to date – Don't miss out!

Further information and booking

For more Information, programme and booking online visit the [NASHiCS event website](#). Alternatively, email administrator@nashics.org or telephone: 07840160030.

60th NWRA Safety Conference and Exhibition – Accident Investigation – 19 Sept 2017, Preston

Date and location

Tuesday 13 September 2016

NEW VENUE: Garstang Country Hotel and Golf Club, off Preston Lancaster New Road, PR3 1YE

Event overview

Conference targeting Occupational Health Issues with the aim of reminding delegates not to lose sight of the basic fundamentals of Health & Safety

Subjects covered will be Accident Investigation, Competency & Training, Stress, Slips, Trips & Falls, Work Equipment, Risk Assessments, Electrical Testing, Face Fit Testing of RPE and Security

A mini exhibition will be run in conjunction with the Conference attended by leading suppliers to the industry.

Who should attend?

Anyone involved in Occupational Health and Safety that is keen to learn/be reminded about the basics and for small companies to learn about the

essentials of good practice

Further information and booking

Full programme and booking details and are available to download on the [NWRA website](#) or by email to [Cathy Nixon](#) or tel: 0161 485 8102.

China reports progress in health care reform

China expanded the number of cities piloting health care reform to 200 in 2016, according to a new report.

More than 2,300 public hospitals nationwide participated in health care reform last year, according to a report issued by the health care reform leading group under the State Council on Tuesday.

The report states that 92.6% of prefectural cities have adjusted the price of medical services, and drug expenses as a percentage of outpatient and hospitalization fees have dropped compared to 2015.

Currently, 1.34 billion Chinese people are enrolled in various public medical insurance systems, accounting for up to 98.8% of the population.

In addition, the country has more than 440,000 non-public medical institutions and nearly 20,000 licensed doctors practicing at multiple sites, says the report.

China to share experiences in transforming desert

China is aiming to transform a barren desert into an economic development area with vegetation coverage of 53 percent. An international forum will be held on July 28 in Kubuqi Desert, aiming to share the Chinese experience in reforesting the desert.

This experience, known as the Kubuqi Model, urged people to create enterprises using technology to control desertification on a large scale.

Erik Solheim, executive director of United Nations Environment

Programme(UNEP), said that the Kubuqi Model offered precious experience for other countries and regions suffering from desertification and that such experience should spread along the Belt and Road for local benefit.

Farmers and herdsman in Kubuqi plant liquorice to improve soil and build photovoltaic power stations for electricity. They lifted themselves out of poverty while fighting desertification.

“The desert is terrible, but the problem can be tackled,” said Luo Bin, an official of State Forestry Administration in charge of desert control.

“Years of effort and practice have proved that desert can turn green,” said Wang Wenbiao, chairman of ELION Group, which initiated the desert control plan in Kubuqi.

Wang also said that people would not bring sand storms under permanent control unless they combined policy support, commercial investment, market-based local agriculture and continuous improvement in the local environment.

Kubuqi is the seventh largest desert in China, covering a total area of 18,600 square kilometers. Beijing, only 800 km from the desert, was often troubled by sand storms in the past.

Chinese people have forested more than 6,000 square kilometers of Kubuqi and reduced 90 percent of sand storms in the desert.