

Media Release

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NEW CEO APPOINTED FOR SAFER CARE VICTORIA

Professor Michael Roberts has been appointed the new Chief Executive of Safer Care Victoria following an extensive search.

With more than 30 years' experience as a senior executive leader, respiratory physician and academic, Professor Roberts will provide valuable leadership to Safer Care Victoria, helping deliver better health outcomes for all Victorians.

Prior to his appointment, Professor Roberts was Managing Director of the UCLPartners Academic Health Science System in London, and has previously held senior appointments at the Royal College of Physicians, the National Institute for Health Research, and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry at Queen Mary University of London.

As a senior clinician and systems thinker, he has extensive experience in healthcare delivery and design to improve patient-centred care across primary care, community and health service settings. He will also bring his insights into the challenges facing providers and educators in the health sector.

Among his major professional achievements, Professor Roberts transformed the UK national audit programme for asthma and chronic obstructive lung disease, embedding the use of real time data collection and reporting that underpins the national QI programme engaging clinicians across the care pathway.

Professor Roberts has many connections to Australia and Victoria, having worked here previously as a clinician and previously visited Victoria for speaking tours in 2018 and 2019.

Professor Roberts is the second appointed CEO of Safer Care Victoria, replacing former inaugural CEO and current Department of Health Secretary, Euan Wallace.

He will begin in the new role in August with the current acting CEO Ann Maree Keenan continuing as acting CEO until then.

For more information about the role and function of Safer Care Victoria, visit bettersafecare.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Martin Foley

"Congratulations to Professor Roberts on his appointment as the new CEO for Safer Care Victoria – an important government agency helping to deliver better health outcomes for all Victorians."

"Professor Roberts skills and experience will add and complement the current executive team and I look forward to working with him when he begins in August."