

Sam Leinster was appointed in January 2001 as the Inaugural Dean of the School of Medicine, Health Policy and Practice at the University of East Anglia, which is one of the new medical schools established in response to the perceived need to train more doctors in England. There he has designed and implemented an innovative integrated curriculum using PBL as one of the teaching strategies. Prior to taking up his current post he was Professor of Surgery and Director of Medical Studies in the University of Liverpool where he was responsible for the introduction of a problem-based, student-centred curriculum in 1996. He is a member of the UK Healthcare Commission's Clinical Standards Advisory Group. His primary research has been on the epidemiology and molecular biology of breast cancer and the psychological correlates of breast disease, as well as aspects of medical education. He became a member of the PLA (Professional Linguistic Assessment) Board of the General Medical Council (GMC) in 1996 and has been involved in the subsequent reviews of PLAB, chairing the Review Subgroup on Scope and Standards in the 2004 review. He was Chair of the Association for the Study of Medical Education from 1998-2004. He is a team leader for the GMC Quality Assurance of Basic Medical Education programme which is currently undertaking the inspection of medical schools in the UK.

He was elected as the Auditor of AMSE in 2008.