



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Health Care Supply Association Conference and Exhibition 2008

World Class - Are We Capable? Meeting the Procurement and Commissioning Challenge

6-8 November - The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield

This will be the Association's 38th Annual Conference. Once again we have created a stimulating and topical event designed specifically for purchasing and supply professionals involved in the support of health care. Every year the high-quality debate on key issues attracts a capacity audience of members, other healthcare professionals and representatives of major supply companies from across the UK, and this year will be no exception.

Speakers include:

- Professor Christine Harland - Association President and Director, Centre for Research in Strategic Purchasing and Supply (CRiSPS), University of Bath
- Gary Belfield - Head of Primary Care, Department of Health
- Roger West - Procurement Director, NHS Supply Chain
- Gerry Hay - Chairman, Absorbent Hygiene Product Manufacturers Association (AHPMA)
- Andrew Cash - Chief Executive, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Simon Sperryn - Chief Executive, Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS)
- Helena Fuller - Chief Operating Officer, Yorkshire and the Humber Commercial Procurement Collaborative

We hope that you, as a member of the Association, will support this event and take advantage of the opportunity to meet with your colleagues from around the country and explore the issues affecting healthcare purchasing.

To register your interest in attending, please click [here](#)

News

Waiting times in Wales fall to new low

First Minister Rhodri Morgan and Health Minister Edwina Hart have congratulated NHS staff across Wales for their hard work in further reducing the time patients wait for appointments or operations.

[More...](#)

Specialist nurses 'targeted' to cut NHS costs

A recent Royal College of Nursing (RCN) survey of specialist and experienced nurses has found that vacancy freezes and fears of redundancy and downgrading are continuing to plague the NHS as it heads for a £1.8 billion surplus. [More...](#)

Settlement on supply of drugs to NHS in Scotland reached

Scottish Ministers and Scottish Health Boards have agreed settlement of their civil claims against another major international pharmaceutical company for alleged anti-competitive cartel conduct in connection with the supply of drugs to the NHS. [More...](#)

Radiology waiting times fall at NNUH

Radiology staff working at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (NNUH) NHS Trust have successfully cut waiting times from months down to just a few weeks for routine patients. [More...](#)

Cheltenham General oncology and endoscopy extension under way

Work on the Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's £5.98 million oncology and endoscopy extension project at Cheltenham General Hospital is due to step up. [More...](#)

News can be read at: <http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk>

This Week's Reports

[Mental Health Act 2007 \(Commencement No. 5 and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2008: Guidance on transfers between places of safety](#)

This guidance covers legislation on places of safety for people suffering from mental disorders. The legislation came into effect on 30 April 2008. The guidance will help NHS bodies and local social services authorities to ensure that their staff are aware of the change.

[Patient Experience Public Service Agreement Scores Update: Including results from the 2006 patient surveys](#)

This publication presents statistics from the patient experience survey results. It includes data for adult inpatients, community mental health, involvement in decisions about health care and choice of provider.

[Extended General Practice Opening Hours: Interim guidance](#)

This letter from Director of Primary Care, Department of Health, Ben Dyson accompanies guidance to support primary care trusts and

general practices in implementing arrangements for extended opening hours.

Reports can be found at:

<http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk/reports/>

Events

[Delivering Sustainable Public Procurement](#)

15 May - Renaissance Hotel, Manchester

This event is designed to help all public procurement professionals understand how organisations can take into account social, environmental and sustainability considerations and still deliver value for money, while remaining compliant with the EU Public Procurement Directives.

Public authorities are under pressure to ensure that their procurement makes a positive contribution towards social inclusion, secures improvements to the environment and minimises any adverse environmental impact.

The UK has the aim of being among the leaders in the EU by 2009 in sustainable development. With a budget of some £150 billion, the sector can transform markets so that the private sector can join forces in pursuing sustainable purchasing policies.

For more information, or to book this event please click [here](#)

Update your diary by visiting

<http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk/events/index.htm>

Discussion Forum

Do you have a burning issue or a hot topic that you wish to share with members? Then why not post it on the Discussion Forum in the members area of the website.

To read the current topics, or to begin your own discussions, visit the Health Care Supply Association Discussion Forum by clicking [here](#)

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Members Area - Hosts Access to CPV Codes Online, Members Directory, Members Discussion

Forum, World-wide Procurement Links & Contract Search Services, as well as E-tendering and Electronic Supplier List Facilities, for further information on these services please visit <http://www.bipsolutions.com/Delta/delta.html>

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