



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Health Care Supply Association - Chairman's Awards

The Health Care Supply Association has issued its invitation for the submission of nominations for the [2008 Chairman's Awards](#). The winners of this year's Awards will be announced and presented at the Annual Conference Gala Dinner on 7 November at The Belfry, near Sutton Coldfield.

To view the Awards criteria and nomination form click [here](#)

Please note that nominations can only be made by Full, Honorary and Retired members. The closing date for nominations, to be sent to John Effingham by email, is Friday 12 September.

If you have any queries regarding the Awards process please contact John Effingham, Executive Director, Health Care Supply Association, by email at john.effingham@pasa.nhs.uk

News

Increased funding for Scottish Health Boards

Health Boards across Scotland have been allocated record levels of funding to help give all children the best possible start in life. [More...](#)

Unique archive to help Welsh hospitals

Deputy First Minister Ieuan Wyn Jones is to launch a unique cellular pathology archive for CellPath, a leading medical supplies company based at Newtown's Mochdre Enterprise Park. CellPath recently created a new service to offer its clients - a Cellular Pathology National Archive Secure Storage or 'CellNass' for short. [More...](#)

New cervical cancer vaccination programme launched

The programme to immunise girls in Northern Ireland against the Humanpapillomavirus (HPV), which can cause cervical cancer, has been officially launched. [More...](#)

NHS Bedfordshire signals leading role

Bedfordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) will now be known as NHS Bedfordshire to more fully reflect its emerging role as leader of the local NHS. [More...](#)

National Patient Choice Survey latest results

The following statistics were released recently by the Department of Health: Report on the National Patient Choice Survey, March 2008, England, and provisional headline results of the May 2008 survey. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Report of the National Patient Choice Survey in England: March 2008 and provisional headlines for May 2008](#)

This report gives the final results of around 109,000 responses to the twelfth national patient choice survey, commissioned to assess the implementation of choice at primary care trust level.

[The Primary Medical Services \(Directed Enhanced Services\) \(England\) Directions 2008](#)

These directions to primary care trusts give the legal basis for implementing the directed enhanced service for GP practices to extend their opening hours. The directions are now in force.

[Ambulance Guidelines: Reducing infection through effective practice in the pre-hospital environment](#)

These guidelines highlight the impact of healthcare associated infections on the quality of patient care and make recommendations on how they can be reduced.

[Going Further Faster II: Applying the learning to reduce healthcare associated infections and improve cleanliness](#)

This guidance aims to help everyone move faster and in a sustainable way towards the goal of zero tolerance toward infection and delivering a clean NHS.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[GO Awards Scotland 2008](#)

There's still time to submit your entry!

The *Government Opportunities (GO) Awards Scotland* aim to recognise excellence within procurement, and the benefits to the wider business and social community that smart, effective and sustainable purchasing can deliver.

Scotland has a thriving business community and a forward-thinking approach to public procurement. Public sector spending on goods and services across Scotland is estimated to be £8 billion per annum, with an estimated £1 billion relating to 'Category A' common goods and services, as currently defined.

The time has come to recognise the achievements and celebrate the success of all those across the public, private and third sectors who strive to make a difference to the Scottish economy.

Entries to the GO Awards Scotland are welcome across a broad range of categories:

GO Healthcare Supplier Award supported by NHS Scotland

GO Sustainability Award sponsored by HP

GO Corporate Social Responsibility Award

GO Best Service Award

GO / John F McClelland Collaborative Procurement Award

GO Individual Excellence Award

GO Team Excellence Award sponsored by SPS Consultancy Services

GO Outstanding Contribution Award

For more information on the GO Awards Scotland 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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