



## Welcome

**Welcome to this week's newsletter**

### **Government Opportunities (GO) magazine**

All Association members should be receiving a copy of *Government Opportunities (GO)* magazine as part of their membership. *GO* magazine is an indispensable guide to all that is happening in the fast-moving world of public procurement.

If you are not receiving your copy of this must-have magazine, please click [here](#) and request your copy today! To take part in the *GO* survey please click [here](#)

## News

### **Government announces major investment in drug treatment services**

Public Health Minister Dawn Primarolo has announced £398 million of funding for drug treatment in 2008-09, to build on the successes of existing drug treatment programmes. [More...](#)

### **Patient power is the future claims Prime Minister**

The Prime Minister has identified patient choice over treatment as the way forward for the NHS in the 21st century. [More...](#)

### **St Mary's cardiologists in world first to prevent falls and fainting**

Cardiologists from St Mary's Hospital in Paddington have become the first in the world to implant a new generation of pacemaker that could revolutionise the care of people who suffer from regular fainting episodes. [More...](#)

### **More specialist staff to tackle hospital infections**

Every hospital in England will be able to recruit more staff to help with infection control after extra investment announced by Labour's Health Secretary. [More...](#)

### **Plans for a local health care bill**

A consultation has begun on plans for greater public involvement in the NHS and direct elections to health boards. [More...](#)

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

## This Week's Reports

### [Department of Health: value for money delivery agreement 2008 to 2011](#)

This document sets out the Department's agreement with HM Treasury on how it expects to support delivery of the value for money requirements of the 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review.

### [Collaborative Commissioning of National Screening Programmes](#)

This best practice guidance sets out roles and responsibilities for the collaborative commissioning of national screening programmes, as recommended in Sir David Carter's review of commissioning arrangements for specialised services.

### [Delivering Health and Well-being in Partnership: the crucial role of the new local performance framework](#)

This report gives information to workers in primary care and NHS trusts, local authorities and the third and independent sectors about how the new local performance framework for local authorities will drive improved outcomes in health and social care for local areas.

#### **Reports can be found at:**

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

## Events

### [National Public Procurement Practitioners Day \(N3PD\) and the GO Awards](#)

**Institution of Civil Engineers, One Great George Street,  
London**

**5 June 2008**

Procurement professionals are urged to request their nomination forms now for the much anticipated *Government Opportunities (GO)* magazine Awards 2008.

The 2008 Excellence in Public Procurement Awards promise to be even better with the addition of two new categories, offering candidates more chances to win.

The two new categories – Collaborative Procurement and Improved Delivery Through Greater Third Sector Involvement (sponsored by the National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning) – are sure to increase the quality and number of entries this year. The *GO* Awards' recognition of these two rapidly growing areas is indicative of the event's role at the cutting edge of procurement.

**The 2008 categories are:**

GO Lifetime Achievement Award  
GO Individual Excellence Award  
GO Team Excellence Award (sponsored by [BSI Product Services](#))  
GO Sustainability Award  
GO Collaborative Procurement Award  
GO Award for Improved Delivery Through Greater Third Sector Involvement (sponsored by [National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning](#))  
GO Best Service Award (sponsored by [Central Telecom](#))  
GO Young Procurement Professional Award  
GO Best Small Supplier Innovation Award (sponsored by [www.supply2.gov.uk](http://www.supply2.gov.uk))

Those wishing to submit an entry for the GO Awards can register on the N3PD website at [www.n3pd.com](http://www.n3pd.com) To ensure you have a greater chance of winning, a new best practice document offering guidance on how to complete your application form effectively is now available on the website. The winners of the Awards will be announced on 5 June at the Institution of Civil Engineers at One Great George Street, London.

#### **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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