



## Welcome

**Welcome to this week's newsletter**

### **CompeteFor - the 2012 Games**

CompeteFor is the chosen website of London 2012 and has been designed for the publication of Games-related contract opportunities from both public and private sector organisations. London 2012 expects to have around 7000 direct contracts which, together with its suppliers, will form supply chains of around 75,000 opportunities.

By using this free service to publish your Games-related opportunities you will increase your access to innovation, improve your choice of suppliers and increase the resilience of your supply chain. By registering as a buyer at [www.competefor.com](http://www.competefor.com) you will also have access to the free training service and helpdesk that can help you get the most from the service.

The CompeteFor service is open to all levels of the supply chain for the 2012 Games.

### **Procurex - Scotland's Procurement Exhibition**

Procurex 2008 is Scotland's first dedicated public and private sector procurement exhibition. The event takes place on 29-30 October at the SECC, Glasgow and will provide a unique opportunity for Scottish businesses to gain an in-depth insight into the vast array of opportunities that exist within today's ever-changing procurement marketplace.

This event is supported by the Scottish Government and will provide an unrivalled opportunity to develop new partnerships and opportunities to maximise overall business growth.

Attendance at Procurex 2008 is **FREE** and you can register at [www.procurexscotland.co.uk](http://www.procurexscotland.co.uk)

## News

**Government Health Bill introduced**

A Government Health Bill has been introduced by Lord Darzi of Denham, Department of Health and Alan Johnson, Secretary of State for Health. [More...](#)

**Call for local councils to be central to development of NHS in London**

Any changes to the way the NHS is organised in London must only be carried out following close and careful consultation with the capital's local authorities, according to London Councils. [More...](#)

**Clinical research centre opened in Scotland**

Earlier diagnosis and better treatment for cancer and heart disease are on the cards for Scottish patients, thanks to a £10 million research centre, opened recently by Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon. [More...](#)

**New birth centre opens at Northwick Park**

A new birth centre opened at Northwick Park Hospital on Tuesday 1 July following a public consultation which supported the transfer of the Brent Birth Centre from Central Middlesex Hospital. [More...](#)

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

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**This Week's Reports****[Towards Better Births: A review of maternity services in England](#)**

This report gives a detailed analysis of the results of a maternity review, including recommendations for improvement. The review drew information from trusts delivering maternity services, a survey of their staff and one of the largest surveys of women ever undertaken.

**[A Review of the Consequences of Additional Private Drugs for NHS Care](#)**

Professor Mike Richards, National Clinical Director for Cancer, is to review policy relating to patients who choose to pay privately for drugs not funded on the NHS and who, as a result, are required to pay for the NHS care that they would otherwise have received free. The terms of reference are presented here.

**[Delivering Care Closer to Home: Meeting the challenge](#)**

The document is a resource for commissioners and others interested in shifting care closer to home. It includes local emerging practice, ways for national enablers to support shifting care and new products developed to support local commissioners and providers.

**Reports can be found at:**

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

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**Events****[GO Awards Scotland 2008](#)**

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 are welcome across a broad range of categories. The 2008 categories are:

GO Sustainability Award sponsored by HP

GO Corporate Social Responsibility Award

GO Healthcare Supplier Award sponsored by NHS Scotland

GO Best Service Award

GO 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](#)

Deadline for submissions is 25 August.

**Update your diary by visiting**

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

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## 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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