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Government Opportunities (GO) Magazine

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News

New West Sussex Director of Public Health and Wellbeing appointed

A new Director of Public Health and Wellbeing has been appointed for West Sussex. [More...](#)

Northern Ireland Health Minister launches new guidance for care of older people

Health Minister Michael McGimpsey has launched new guidance to support nurses in delivering expert, person-centred and compassionate care to older people in Northern Ireland. [More...](#)

NHS continues to deliver key priorities

The NHS met a number of key commitments on healthcare priorities at the end of the last financial year and continues to show strong financial management, the Department of Health announced. [More...](#)

Director appointed to lead brain tissue bank network

Professor James Ironside has been appointed as the Director to set up a UK Brain Banks Network. The network is a new initiative led by the Medical Research Council to co-ordinate provision of brain tissue and to help tackle the shortage of samples available for research into Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, schizophrenia, autism and other conditions that affect the brain. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Department of Health Business Plan 2009-11](#)

This plan outlines what the department will do in 2009-11 to lead and support the Government's objectives for health and social care, and to support ministers in their accountability to the public and Parliament.

[Department of Health: The Quarter - Quarter four, 2008-09](#)

This quarterly report on NHS finance and service performance covers

the NHS's notable achievements including delivering the shortest waiting times for patients since records began, continuing to improve access to primary care, driving down further the numbers of healthcare-associated infections and making robust plans and preparations to deal with any pandemic flu outbreak.

Emergency Services Review

This document aims to provide focus and support to local health communities to improve the effectiveness of emergency care, enhance patient safety and achieve national emergency care standards.

Reports can be found at:

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Events

2009 Annual Conference and Exhibition - a date for your diary!

We are delighted to announce the date and theme of this year's annual conference and exhibition. The two-day conference, **Think New, Think Different, Think Change**, will take place on 4-5 November at the Hilton Deansgate, Manchester. We are currently in the process of finalising the details of what promises to be an interesting and stimulating event, so do ensure that you keep these dates free in your diary and watch this space for more information.

To register your interest today, 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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