



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

The *Government Opportunities (GO)* Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2008 winners announced

The *Government Opportunities (GO)* Awards 2008 took place on Thursday 5 June 2008 at the Institution of Civil Engineers, One Great George Street, London. The event was attended by over 200 procurement professionals who celebrated the success of the profession. The 2008 winners are:

Sustainability Award – sponsored by OGCBuying.solutions

Winner – Sustainable Innovation Group, Exeter City Council

Highly Commended – RAFAEL Project Team, Central Services Agency

Improved Delivery Through Greater Third Sector Involvement Award - sponsored by the National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning

Winner – Dorset Partnership for Older People Project, Dorset County Council

Highly Commended – Rough Sleeping Team, City of Westminster

Collaborative Procurement Award – sponsored by Pearl Linguistics

Winner – London Development Agency – CompeteFor

Highly Commended – North West Collaborative Procurement Hub

Highly Commended – Healthcare Purchasing Consortium

Best Service Award – sponsored by Central Telecom

Winner – Pearl Linguistics Ltd/INTRAN Partnership

Highly Commended – FM Conway Ltd/London Borough of Lambeth

Best Small Supplier Innovation Award – sponsored by Supply2.gov.uk

Winner – Print Image Network Ltd/Hertsmere Borough Council

Highly Commended – XOR Ltd/Department for Work and Pensions

Young Procurement Professional Award

Winner – Amy Richards, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Highly Commended – Abi Bouch, Cumbria County Council

Individual Excellence Award

Winner – Martin Blake, London Probation

Team Excellence Award – sponsored by BSI Product Services

Winner – Print and Associated Services Solution Project Team, Department for Work and Pensions

Highly Commended – PPSA Packs Team, Peninsula Purchasing and Supply Alliance

Highly Commended – Purchased Healthcare Category Team, re:source Procurement Hub

The Lifetime Achievement Award for 2008

Nick Bowd, Director of the Scottish Procurement Directorate

For more information on the GO Awards click [here](#)

News**Welsh Health Minister gives go-ahead to new children's mental health unit**

Final plans for a new mental health unit for children and young people in North Wales have been approved by Health Minister Edwina Hart.

[More...](#)

Flagship hospital's £30 million cuts

The largest ever cuts programme proposed by a hospital trust in Wales has been revealed, with plans to slash up to £30 million from spending in the coming year. [More...](#)

IT upgrade brings Welsh NHS trusts into line

Nine National Health Service (NHS) trusts in Wales have had their laboratory information systems upgraded as part of a £1 million IT contract, it has been reported. [More...](#)

Consultation on proposals for Sheffield city centre GP-led health centre

Recommendations on proposals for a GP-led health centre in Sheffield city centre have come from a Sheffield-wide consultation held last year with patients, the public and partner organisations. They are backed up by recommendations from the NHS Next Stage Review Interim Report (published in October 2007) led by Professor Lord Ara Darzi. [More...](#)

Older and chronically ill people most at risk from polyclinics, BMA patient group warns

Commercially run polyclinics would put services at risk, with older people and those with chronic conditions most adversely affected, the BMA's Patient Liaison Group (PLG) says. [More...](#)

NHS reforms need more time to deliver patient benefits

Reforms of the National Health Service have led to improvements in its management but significant benefits for patients will take longer to deliver, according to the Audit Commission and the Healthcare Commission. They have today jointly published "Is the treatment working? progress with the NHS system reform programme". [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Department of Health Business Plan 2008-09](#)

This plan outlines what the Department will do in 2008-09 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: Communications summary - May 2008](#)

This summary, released by the Department of Health, lists circulars, publications and consultations issued in May 2008.

[Mental Capacity Act 2005 Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Code of Practice and Regulations: Report on consultation](#)

This publication reports on a consultation on draft code of practice guidance and two sets of draft regulations on the deprivation of liberty safeguards introduced into the Mental Capacity Act 2005 by the Mental Health Act 2007.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[Guide to EU Regulations](#)

17 June 2008, Holiday Inn City Centre, Birmingham

Those engaged in delivering public procurement are required to carry out a range of activities as part of the procurement function. These are much more extensive than is often assumed, requiring the application of a wide variety of specialist knowledge, skills and expertise.

Through developing the necessary skills procurement staff will avoid bad practice, ensure compliance with the law, improve efficiency and inspire in suppliers and colleagues alike confidence in their professional ability.

Understanding and applying the EU rules to the acquisition of goods, works and services, while continuing to comply with the UK Regulations, is a foundation stone to the delivery of compliant procurement.

This one-day course is aimed at delivering not just the basics, but also the more detailed knowledge required to enhance skill levels and increase professionalism. Principally focused on the EC Treaty rules, the processes required to ensure best practice and the main principles of the EU Directives and UK Regulations, the Guide to EU Regulations seminar provides an overview of the issues impacting on the wider public procurement community in the 21st century.

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](#)

Health Care Supply Association www.healthcaresupply.org.uk
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