



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Health Care Supply Association Annual Survey 2008

To ensure that the Association receive your feedback on the continuous development of the Health Care Supply Association we are delighted to announce the 2008 Annual Members Survey. To ensure that your voice is heard please complete this online survey as accurately as possible.

The survey will be open until 11 November. After that time, we will announce the names of the three lucky respondees who will each receive £25 worth of Marks & Spencer vouchers.

To go to the survey now, please click [here](#)

If you are having problems accessing the survey please email helpdesk@healthcaresupply.org.uk

News

Innovative joint car sharing scheme launched

NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and NHS Ayrshire & Arran have joined forces to launch a car sharing scheme for their staff. [More...](#)

New Cromer Hospital plans to go on public show

A public consultation event is being held in Cromer in late October to allow people to comment on the plans for a new £26 million hospital in the North Norfolk town. [More...](#)

Better patient facilities unveiled in new-look departments

Patients at West Suffolk Hospital are enjoying more modern and spacious facilities after the hospital's pain and dermatology departments were refurbished. [More...](#)

National Clinical Directors appointed for Hospital and Community Pharmacy

The appointment of two National Clinical Directors for Pharmacy has been announced by the Department of Health. Their appointment fulfils the commitment made in the Pharmacy White Paper to ensure that the proposed initiatives are supported by strong, authoritative, clinical leadership at local and national levels. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

Human Papillomavirus Vaccination: Immunisation research

This Department of Health letter informs primary care trusts of research to better understand attitudes toward the human papillomavirus vaccination programme and supporting communications campaign.

Prime Minister's Speech on the Global Economy

This is a transcript of the speech by Prime Minister Gordon Brown at the Reuters Building in London on 13 October 2008. He talks about the Government's plans to face the global financial crisis.

Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme and Medicines Dispensed to Patients at Home

This letter is aimed at NHS chief executives and directors and seeks support in identifying gaps in information on medicine expenditure in secondary care. Such information is crucial to the development of a new pharmaceutical price regulation scheme.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

Procurement - the latest issues

22 October 2008, Jury's Hotel, Birmingham

Procurement is an ever-changing marketplace where the policy or initiative of today becomes the process or procedure of tomorrow.

European Court of Justice rulings, Office of Government Commerce guidance, legal cases and judgments all impact on the methodologies that procurement departments must employ.

The seminar will look at a variety of different issues currently affecting procurement, as well as examining the current processes which are designed to ensure best practice.

Effective procurement can only be guaranteed when those charged with the task have access to the latest procurement guidances and an understanding of European and UK case law.

The seminar will look at the latest judgments on the use of selection criteria, such as 'Lianakis', and will consider the impact of past cases such as 'Beentjes'.

The latest guidance on competitive dialogue and framework contracts will also be reviewed and some issues of concern identified.

The day will also identify which conditions constitute award criteria and explain the difference between award and selection criteria, as well as considering some often overlooked contract issues such as novation. It will finish with a review of suppliers' rights, particularly in respect of the forthcoming revised Remedies Directive.

For more information on 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](#)

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