



## Welcome

**Welcome to this week's newsletter**

### **Health Care Supply Association Conference and Exhibition 2008**

#### **World Class - Are We Capable? Meeting the Procurement and Commissioning Challenge**

#### **6-8 November - The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield**

This will be the Association's 38th Annual Conference. Once again we have created a stimulating and topical event designed specifically for purchasing and supply professionals involved in the support of health care. Every year the high quality debate on key issues attracts a capacity audience of members, other health care professionals and representatives of major supply companies from across the UK, and this year will be no exception.

Speakers include:

- Professor Christine Harland - Association President and Director, Centre for Research into Strategic Purchasing and Supply (CRiSPS), University of Bath
- Gary Belfield - Head of Primary Care, Department of Health
- Roger West - Procurement Director, NHS Supply Chain
- Gerry Hay - Chairman, AHPMA
- Andrew Cash - Chief Executive, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Simon Sperryn - Chief Executive, Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply
- Helena Fuller - Chief Operating Officer, Yorkshire and the Humber Commercial Procurement Collaborative

We hope that you, as a member of the Association, will support this event and take advantage of the opportunity to meet with your colleagues from around the country and explore the issues affecting health care purchasing.

To register your interest in attending, please click [here](#)

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## News

### **Central Services Agency staff to discuss Northern Ireland health reforms**

Northern Ireland Health Minister Michael McGimpsey has continued his round of consultation meetings with staff on health reforms.

[More...](#)

### **Genetics progress embedding scientific advances into health care**

The Department of Health's Chief Scientist and Director General for Health Improvement and Protection, Professor David Harper, has published his progress review on the implementation of the 2003 genetics White Paper. Since 2001, the Government has invested £70 million to help the NHS make best use of the advances in genetics knowledge. [More...](#)

### **Northern Ireland Minister highlights cost of cancelled clinics and missed appointments**

Northern Ireland Health Minister Michael McGimpsey has urged all patients to attend their outpatient appointments. [More...](#)

### **Health Secretary announces pay deals for Scottish NHS staff**

Scottish Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon has announced a three-year pay deal for NHS staff including nurses, midwives and allied health professionals. [More..](#)

### **Cash to tackle childhood obesity in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde**

Scottish Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon has announced six million pounds of funding to tackle childhood obesity across Scotland. [More...](#)

### **New MRI Scanner for Royal Gwent Hospital**

A new £1 million MRI scanner has been delivered to the Royal Gwent Hospital to replace the old scanner which has provided many years of excellent service. [More...](#)

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

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## This Week's Reports

### **[Deep Cleaning NHS Hospitals: Request for case studies](#)**

This letter from Chris Beasley, Chief Nursing Officer, seeks feedback from strategic health authorities on examples of good practice resulting from the deep cleaning NHS hospitals programme.

### **[Department of Health Response to Consultation: A code of practice for the use of powers to counter NHS fraud and security incidents](#)**

This document sets out the Department's response to a consultation on a draft code of practice setting out the requirements that NHS counter fraud or security management specialists should follow when obtaining, handling, using and disclosing information obtained through the use of powers contained in the NHS Act 2006 and NHS (Wales) Act 2006.

### **NHS Choices: Delivering for the NHS**

This document describes the NHS Choices public information service. As an integral part of the health and social care system, it will drive improvements in healthcare and utilise technologies to reshape the way people engage with their own health, each other and the NHS.

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

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

## Events

### **Delivering Sustainable Procurement**

#### **15 May - Renaissance Hotel, Manchester**

This event, to be held on 15 May at Renaissance Hotel, Manchester, is designed to help all public procurement professionals understand how organisations can take into account social, environmental and sustainability considerations and still deliver value for money, while remaining compliant with the EC Public Procurement Directives.

For more information on this or any other 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](http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk)

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