



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

CPV Code Version 2007 now live

The Office for Official Publications of the European Communities (OPOCE) has now implemented a modified version of the CPV codes (CPV Code Version 2007) to replace Version 2003.

More information on the changes can be obtained by clicking [here](#)

News

Practice of single-crew ambulances to end

The Scottish Ambulance Service is to receive an additional £4.7 million to ensure it can eliminate the practice of rostered single-crewing of traditional ambulances. [More...](#)

Nottinghamshire Healthcare shows improvement in patient satisfaction

A recent survey of people using mental health services in Nottinghamshire has shown an 8% increase in people rating those services as good, very good or excellent. [More...](#)

£17.4 million bid secured for new health research centre

Nottinghamshire Healthcare, one of the country's leading mental health and learning disability service providers, and the University of Nottingham have successfully led a bid for £17.4 million to develop a new research centre to help improve patient care across the region.

[More...](#)

£300,000 investment in new blood tracking technology

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital is investing in a new blood tracking system that will help increase patient safety by minimising preventable blood transfusion errors. [More...](#)

NHS Quality Improvement Scotland

Scottish Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon will chair the NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (QIS) Annual Review. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

Government Response to the House of Lords European Union Committee Report on Increasing the Supply of Donor Organs Within the European Union: 17th report of session 2007-08

This is the Government's response to a report that supports action being taken nationally and internationally to increase the number of high-quality and safe organs donated for transplantation.

Help Us Portray Social Care Positively

This letter to directors of adult social services asks for help in identifying settings and subjects for photographs to update the Department's photolibrary.

Open to All: Mental health, social inclusion and museums and galleries - Speech by Alan Johnson

This is a transcript of the speech by Secretary of State for Health Alan Johnson at the Arts and Healthcare Event on 16 September 2008. He talks about a resource for gallery staff to help tackle exclusion and improve access for those suffering from mental health problems.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

GO Awards Scotland 2008

There's still time to submit your entry!

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 to the *GO Awards Scotland* are welcome across a broad range of categories:

GO Healthcare Supplier Award supported by NHS Scotland

GO Sustainability Award sponsored by HP

GO Corporate Social Responsibility Award

GO Best Service Award sponsored by Danwood

GO / John F McClelland 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](#)

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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