



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Annual Conference and Exhibition - Can the NHS Afford to Buy Quality?

1-2 November - The Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon

Early bird discount available to all members

This will be the Association's 37th Annual Conference and Exhibition and, as in previous years, we have created a stimulating and topical event designed specifically for purchasing and supply professionals involved in the support of healthcare. Attendance is open to members and non-members working in the field of purchasing and supply, to other healthcare professionals and to representatives of companies who supply to the healthcare sector.

The theme this year is 'Can the NHS Afford to Buy Quality?' and is designed to reflect the increasing pressure on budgets in general and procurement departments in particular in the modern NHS. Speakers this year include Minister of State for Quality, Department of Health, Lord Hunt OBE.

The Conference will provide an excellent opportunity to explore key issues, all of which affect the provision and performance of healthcare purchasing and supply services, and, ultimately, patient care.

Book before 31 July and receive a £30 discount!

For more information on the event, or to book, please click [here](#)

News

£50 million funding for cleaner hospitals

Directors of nursing are to get funds for improvements as infection improvement teams double in size. [More...](#)

Shaping health care for the next decade

Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Health Secretary Alan Johnson have announced a review of the NHS that will advise on how to meet the challenges of delivering health care over the next decade. [More...](#)

Government action to improve care for diabetic children in Wales

New government guidelines to improve care for diabetic children in Wales are the first of their kind in the UK. Thousands of children and young people in Wales suffering from Type 1 Diabetes will receive improved care thanks to new clinical guidelines to be published by Welsh Assembly Government Health and Social Services Minister Edwina Hart. [More...](#)

£16.5 million to battle infectious disease

Bacterial resistance to antibiotics, rapidly evolving viruses and germs lurking in food are an ever-present threat to human health. Infectious viruses and bacteria create misery for hospital patients, place a strain on health care and challenge policy-makers. Now scientists are to be offered a new opportunity to research these dangerous agents of infection. [More...](#)

McGimpsey to bring in tailor-made dental contract in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Minister for Health Michael McGimpsey has said he wants to introduce a bespoke contract for dental services in Northern Ireland. [More...](#)

Contract awarded to assess economic benefits of UK medical research

Economic returns on the investment in UK medical research are to be assessed in a project jointly commissioned by the Academy of Medical Sciences, Medical Research Council and Wellcome Trust. [More...](#)

RCN welcomes appointment of new Secretary of State for Health

Dr Peter Carter, General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) has said: "The Royal College of Nursing welcomes Alan Johnson to the post of Secretary of State for Health and wishes him well for his time in office." [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Audit Commission: Improving health and well-being](#)

This briefing reviews the extensive work undertaken by the Audit Commission over the last two years in health and well-being. It shows how the issues are being tackled and how further progress could be made.

[Best Practice in Managing Risk: Principles and guidance for best practice in the assessment and management of risk to self and others in mental health services](#)

This framework is a guide for mental health professionals working with service users to assess risk. It is aimed at the NHS and directors of public health, chief executives of local authorities, directors of adult social services, allied health professionals, GPs and directors of children's social services.

[National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: Interventional procedures programme methods guide](#)

This guide describes the principles and methods used by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence to assess interventional procedures. The methods are designed to ensure that robust guidance for the NHS is developed in an open, transparent and timely way that allows appropriate input from consultees and other stakeholders. It is intended to be complementary to the Interventional Procedures Programme Manual.

[Delivering Health Services through Sure Start Children's Centres](#)

The Government has set out its vision for a Sure Start Children's Centre in every community. Children's centres offer significant opportunities for improving children's health and ensuring that families are able to access the information, support and services they need to help their child to thrive and achieve their full potential.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[PASS - Delivering Sustainable Public Procurement](#)

A one-day event to help you understand the viability of environmental issues in contracting.

This event, held on 13 September at the Holiday Inn City Centre, Birmingham, 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 EU Public Procurement Directives.

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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