



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

A note from the Executive Director

Well here we are. Another year and another newsletter!

I trust that you all had a good time over the festive season and are now ready to face the fray once more.

We are well into another round of the very popular one-day seminars which currently cover the subject of EU procurement. There have been two this week on 9 and 10 January, in South Central and South West Branches respectively, and the next is on 15 January in London & the South East. Details of this event can be obtained from Ian Pick at ian.pick@pasa.nhs.uk although places are likely to be very limited.

A few places are still available for the North East event to be held on 24 January 2007 at the HQ of NHS North East, Newburn Riverside, Newcastle upon Tyne. Anyone interested in attending should contact Wendy Bingham at wendy.bingham@pasa.nhs.uk

Wendy will be allocating places on a strictly first come, first served basis. If you would be interested in attending, please contact her by 15 January at the latest.

Finally, some more good news!

Following the decision at the Annual General Meeting to discontinue the collection of subscriptions I have been asked by Tony Jobling, our Honorary Treasurer, to remind members to cancel their standing orders for subscriptions due on 1 April 2007 as only the account holder can cancel standing orders.

A meeting of Council took place on 10 January. In the near future we will be holding meetings of the Conference Committee and the Education Group, so expect more news on forthcoming events shortly!

John Smith
Executive Director

News

Healthcare watchdogs call for consistency in drug treatment throughout England

Healthcare watchdogs have called for action to address inconsistent standards of care provided by substance misuse services across England. [More...](#)

Searching for accurate health information

Enter the word "health" into the Google search engine and you'll get more than two billion results. Enter "health + Wales" and it will pull up a less scary but still mind-boggling 60 million hits. [More...](#)

New year signals shorter waiting lists for patients

NHS waiting lists are at a record low according to figures published by the Department of Health. [More...](#)

New model to cut hospital admissions launched

NHS clinicians will be even better equipped to identify patients with long-term conditions who are most at risk of unplanned and unnecessary hospital admissions, thanks to a new model recently launched for the NHS. [More...](#)

Deaths from heart disease down by 35 per cent

The progress achieved through extra investment and reform in tackling coronary heart disease has been highlighted by the Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt. [More...](#)

Keyhole surgery at GOSH delivers cure for babies with hyperinsulinism

Pioneering surgery to treat a rare genetic disorder is delivering outstanding results for young patients at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust (GOSH). Congenital Hyperinsulinism (CHI) is a pancreatic disease that can cause coma, brain damage and even death, due to the organ's over-production of the hormone insulin. [More...](#)

Burnham announces £100 million funding to help NHS increase energy efficiency

Health Minister Andy Burnham has announced £100m funding to help the NHS make further energy savings as he published a new energy performance report for the NHS in England showing substantial progress against energy efficiency and carbon emission targets. [More...](#)

NHS over £800 million better off thanks to the war on fraud

Success in tackling NHS fraud has meant an extra £811 million has been spent on patient care over the last seven years, the Department of Health has revealed. [More...](#)

National Colour Coding Scheme for safer hospital cleaning

A National Colour Coding Scheme for cleaning materials, designed to help hospitals in England and Wales reduce the risk of cross-infection, has been launched by the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA). [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[The Coronary Heart Disease National Service Framework: Shaping the future - Progress report for 2006](#)

This report details the progress that has been made in implementing the coronary heart disease national service framework in the six years since its publication.

[Guidance Statement on Fidelity and Best Practice for Crisis Services](#)

This document identifies aspects of care delivery by crisis teams that need attention so that best practice is followed across the country. It emphasises a whole systems approach to care and is complementary to existing guidance. The guidance is aimed at emergency care leads, commissioners of mental health services, mental health service providers and crisis team leads.

[Health: Proposed work programme and scales of fees 2007-08](#)

This document sets out the work that the Audit Commission plans to undertake in the health sector during 2007-08, together with the scales of audit fees that will apply to that work.

[Tackling Health Inequalities: 2003-05 data update for the national 2010 PSA target](#)

This document contains 2003-05 Office of National Statistics data on the national health inequalities public service agreement target for life expectancy and infant mortality and on/off status for spearhead areas, together with policy context.

[Increasing the Uptake of Direct Payments](#)

A self-assessment and action planning guide for local councils with social services responsibilities and their partners.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[Have you got what it takes?](#)

Following the huge success of National Public Procurement Practitioners Day (N3PD) in 2004, 2005 and 2006, we are delighted to announce that the Association is once again supporting N3PD 2007. The day celebrates the achievements and professionalism of those who work within public procurement to deliver better value for money for all taxpayers.

The event will once again be held at the prestigious Institution of Civil Engineers at One Great George Street in London, on Wednesday 6 June. N3PD also hosts the *Government Opportunities (GO)* magazine Excellence in Public Procurement Awards.

The GO Awards celebrate the success of individuals and teams working within procurement. Last year the quantity and quality of

entries to the Awards marked a significant step forward. As a result of this the additional categories – Young Professional of the Year and Best Small Supplier Innovation Award - have been retained to ensure that a broad range of public procurement professionals can enter. For more information on the Awards or how to nominate, click [here](#)

Authorities are not restricted to one category and can submit more than one entry.

Deadline for entries is: 31 March 2007

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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