



## Welcome

**Welcome to this week's newsletter**

### **Supply2.gov.uk - the supplier route to government**

The lower-value procurement portal, [Supply2.gov.uk](http://Supply2.gov.uk), is part of the Government's strategy for supporting economic growth – particularly among smaller companies - and helps to reduce some of the barriers faced by SMEs seeking to access public sector contract opportunities.

Cited as the best practice means of advertising lower-value contract opportunities by HM Treasury and the European Commission, [Supply2.gov.uk](http://Supply2.gov.uk) allows public sector buyers to publish contract notices, search the online database of over 61,800 UK suppliers, benefit from access to a diverse range of more competitive and innovative suppliers, gain from better value offers and ensure the most efficient use of public money.

Stephen Timms, Minister for Competitiveness at the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR), has welcomed the news that the [Supply2.gov.uk](http://Supply2.gov.uk) service is proving to be a valuable business tool for businesses in the UK.

The Minister said: "Ensuring all businesses have straightforward access to public sector procurement opportunities is very important. [Supply2.gov.uk](http://Supply2.gov.uk) achieves this and benefits both suppliers and buyers. Companies get the chance to tender for solid contracts and government gets access to a diverse and creative range of suppliers."

To register, please visit [Supply2.gov.uk](http://Supply2.gov.uk) and begin publishing your lower-value contract notices for **FREE**.

### **Government Opportunities (GO) magazine**

All Association members should be receiving a copy of *Government Opportunities (GO)* magazine as part of their membership. *GO* magazine is an indispensable guide to all that is happening in the fast-moving world of public procurement.

If you are not receiving your copy of this must-have magazine, please click [here](#) and request your copy today! To take part in the *GO* survey please click [here](#)

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## News

### **Patients at heart of new health strategy**

Patient participation, improved access to health care in Scotland and a focus on the twin challenges of improving Scotland's public health and tackling health inequalities are at the heart of the Government's recently published Action Plan for Health and Wellbeing. [More...](#)

### **Improved care for stroke patients**

Improvements in the support available for stroke patients have been announced by Deputy Minister for Health Gwenda Thomas at a summit in Cardiff. A new requirement will mean that all stroke patients will be admitted to dedicated beds, staffed by specialist teams, by March 2009. [More...](#)

### **Balls and Johnson announce review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services**

Children's Secretary Ed Balls and Health Secretary Alan Johnson have outlined their plans for a review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and called for more vigilance in spotting the distress signals in boys who may have underlying mental health problems. [More...](#)

### **Helping smokers kick the habit**

Health boards will benefit from a share of £11 million funding a year to help smokers quit. [More...](#)

### **Personal care budgets and extra £520 million funding to transform care for older and disabled people**

Central and local government have signed a groundbreaking agreement to reform social care and support independent living. [More...](#)

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

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## This Week's Reports

### **[Cancer 2012 Visions](#)**

This letter provides information about visions for the future of a range of cancers and cancer-related services and considers how those services should be performing in five years. This letter has been produced as part of the development of the Cancer Reform Strategy.

### **[Delegated Limits for Capital Investment](#)**

This document supersedes the December 2003 guidance for delegated authorities entering into capital investment and similar transactions. It has been updated to reflect changes in the NHS trusts' and primary care trusts' performance ratings system and capital cost inflation.

### **[Bidding for Capital Funding for the Campus Reprovision Programme 2008-09: stage two](#)**

This letter gives information about the opening of the second stage of bidding for capital under the Campus Reprovision Programme 2008-09.

**Reports can be found at:**

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

**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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