



## Welcome

**Welcome to this week's newsletter**

### Select Accredit

Supplier accreditation is an area of increasing interest to public sector contracting authorities. Ensuring that your suppliers meet the required standards in their technical, legal and financial capacities helps to reduce risks when contracting.

BiP's Select Accredit service gives the reassurance that public sector buyers require. It provides accreditation to the same standard as the UK Government-backed Constructionline service, with which it shares a vetting service provider in Capita.

Select Accredit, endorsed by the Society of Procurement Officers in Local Government, supports a 'do it once' ethos, since suppliers are only asked to seek accreditation once, annually, by those public sector organisations using the service. Suppliers registered with Select Accredit benefit from being seen by thousands of public sector buyers across the UK, thus improving their chances of securing public sector business.

For more information on this service please click [here](#)

## News

### **Work to begin on £1 million orthopaedic outpatient unit**

Work will begin next week on a new £1 million orthopaedic outpatient department at the Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby.

[More...](#)

### **New community first responder team**

Members of a South Gwynedd community have joined together to help provide a life-saving service for people in the surrounding area.

[More...](#)

### **Latest survival rates for heart surgery published**

Heart units in the UK have signed up to the most rigorous and transparent regime to date for testing their performance. [More...](#)

### **Cancer waiting times**

Cancer patients and their families will expect nothing less than full compliance with tough waiting time targets by the end of this year, Nicola Sturgeon has warned. [More...](#)

### **Census of drug and alcohol treatment services in Northern Ireland**

A statistical bulletin containing information from the second census of drug and alcohol treatment services in Northern Ireland has been published. [More...](#)

### **Southampton hospitals launch bid to reduce carbon footprint**

Southampton's hospitals are going greener with the launch of a major energy awareness campaign designed to reduce harmful carbon emissions. [More...](#)

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

## **This Week's Reports**

### **[Hospital Travel Costs Scheme: Consultation analysis report](#)**

This document is an analysis of the responses received for a consultation undertaken to understand how aware the public are of the hospital travel costs scheme, and the best ways to increase awareness and accessibility.

### **[Bidding for Capital Finding for the Campus Re provision Programme 2007-08](#)**

This letter has been sent to primary care trust commissioners informing them of the bidding process to apply for this year's capital funding for re providing campus learning disability services in the community.

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

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

## **Events**

### **[PASS - Delivering Sustainable Public Procurement](#)**

This one-day event, held on 13 September at Holiday Inn City Centre, Birmingham, will help you understand the viability of environmental issues in contracting.

The event 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.

### **Delivering compliant procurement**

Public authorities are under pressure to ensure that their procurement makes a positive contribution towards social inclusion, secures improvements to the environment and minimises any adverse environmental impact.

## **Sustainable procurement is good procurement**

Opting for environmentally sound goods, services and works will help your organisation achieve sustainable development. Increased demand for sustainable goods encourages sustainable production and helps environmentally friendly technologies conquer the market. It can also help save taxpayers' money.

## **Practising positive social procurement**

Criteria involving social considerations may be used to determine the most economically advantageous tender, where they provide an economic advantage for the authority which is linked to the product or service, and which is the subject of the contract.

## **Integrating social, environmental and sustainability issues into your procurement**

All public authorities should be developing national or regional contracts that ensure social, environmental and sustainability issues are considered from the outset. The Government has raised the profile of sustainable procurement across the public sector with a major shift in the way the public sector buys goods and services, signing up to a range of measures designed to achieve the sustainable buying of a wide variety of products.

The new emphasis on environmental standards represents a significant shift in public sector purchasing practice.

While the full benefits of social, environmental and sustainable procurement will not be achieved overnight, this event will help your organisation put in place the structures to support and encourage all involved to develop compliant practices.

### **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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