



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

A note from the Executive Director

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Lord Hunt, Minister of State for Quality, has agreed to deliver the keynote address at this year's Health Care Supply Association Annual Conference to be held on 1-2 November at the Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon.

The theme of the conference – 'Can the NHS Afford to Buy Quality?' – has already attracted huge interest and demand for places is already high, even though applications from the NHS in general have not yet been invited!

As a member, not only are you entitled to a special rate and the 'Earlybird Discount', but you can also apply now for a place by clicking [here](#)

Other speakers this year include:

Professor Christine Harland, Health Care Supply Association President and Director, CRISPS, University of Bath

John Wilkinson, Director General, Association of British Healthcare Industries

Eddie Aston, Managing Director, NHS Supply Chain

Peter Sharott, Director, London, Eastern and South East Specialist Pharmacy Services

Bob Dredge, Senior Fellow in Financial Management, Keele University

John Warrington, Director of Policy & Innovation, NHS PASA

Julian Cobbledick, Nottingham Rehab

Mark Roscrow, Director, Welsh Health Supplies

Jonathan Wedgbury, Chief Executive, Healthcare Purchasing Consortium

I look forward to receiving your application and to seeing as many of you as possible in Stratford in November.

John Smith
Executive Director

News

Pharmacy profession will have new regulatory body

Historic changes to the regulation of the pharmacy profession announced earlier in 2007 have been endorsed by an independent working party. [More...](#)

Working with the patient - the future for high quality diabetes services

The NHS must deliver joined up diabetes care and improve patient knowledge in order to continue progressing. [More...](#)

New mental health and learning disability board announced

Northern Ireland Health Minister Michael McGimpsey has said he will be setting up a new mental health and learning disability board in Northern Ireland. [More...](#)

Crisis teams cut hospital admissions

Crisis mental health teams working in the community have cut demand for in-patient beds by nearly 20 per cent in the last two years. [More...](#)

Major investment in healthcare services for 2007-08

The NHS has been allocated £8 billion to spend on new health services over the next 12 months. [More...](#)

NHS must continue to change to give cancer patients best chance says cancer tsar

The NHS must continue to change if it is to deliver better cancer care to patients, says the National Cancer Director for England Professor Mike Richards. [More...](#)

Healthcare Commission completes independent review of performance ratings

The Healthcare Commission has completed an independent review process of the 2006 performance ratings for NHS trusts in England. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Local Spending for Local Needs: How the NHS intends to use the money](#)

This report sets out how the £8 billion in additional funding in 2007-08 will be spent by the NHS. It shows the scope and range of challenges facing the NHS in England today and gives examples of local innovation.

[Getting it Right for People with Cancer: Clinical case for change](#)

This report by National Cancer Director for England Professor Mike Richards outlines how services are being configured to meet the needs of cancer patients.

[Breaking Down Barriers: The clinical case for change](#)

This report by National Director for Mental Health Louis Appleby states that employment, housing and a strong social network are just as important to a person's mental health as the treatment they receive. It looks at the importance of continuing to improve community care to break down the barriers that can prevent people from rebuilding their lives.

[Commissioning a Brighter Future: Improving access to psychological therapies - Positive practice guide](#)

This document provides organisations with examples of best practice for the provision of psychological therapies in England.

[Our Health, Our Care, Our Say: One year on - Research report](#)

This is a report of the event that took place on Tuesday 27 March 2007, where 90 people met Patricia Hewitt, Secretary of State for Health, to hear what has been happening across health and social care since the publication in January 2006 of the White Paper 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say: a new direction for community services'.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[National Public Procurement Practitioners Day \(N3PD\) 2007](#)

Less than 3 weeks to go!

Everyone is gearing up for what is deemed to be the procurement event of the year. Held at the prestigious Institution of Civil Engineers at One Great George Street in London on Wednesday 6 June, National Public Procurement Practitioners Day (N3PD) 2007 is a unique date in the procurement calendar.

It is a day when the public procurement community recognises and celebrates the achievements of those who have striven to make a difference in their work, and in doing so have contributed to smarter, more efficient procurement – so benefiting the end user and taxpayer.

Keynote speakers for this year's event include the highly prolific Sir Michael Lyons, author of the Lyons Review and Chairman of the BBC Trust, Dr Neil Bentley, Director, Public Services Directorate, CBI and Dr Vincent Cable, Shadow Chancellor and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats.

Delegates attending this prestigious event will also witness the eagerly awaited outcome of the 2007 *Government Opportunities (GO)*

Excellence in Public Procurement Awards. Details of the shortlisted entries can be found by clicking [here](#)

For more information on this event, or to book your place, please visit www.n3pd.com

Limited places are available, so book today to avoid disappointment!

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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