



## Welcome

**Welcome to this week's newsletter**

### **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* reader survey please click [here](#)

## News

### **NHS Boards on target to abolish hidden waiting lists**

Latest figures show that NHS Boards in Scotland remain well on target to phase out hidden waiting lists by the end of the year.

[More...](#)

### **New regulator for health and social care**

A tough new regulator for health and adult social care services will ensure good quality and safe care for the public, Secretary of State for Health Alan Johnson has said. [More...](#)

### **Action to improve audiology services**

New waiting time targets for hearing-impaired patients across Scotland have been officially announced. [More...](#)

### **Ensuring more effective and equitable treatments for patients**

The High Level Group on Clinical Effectiveness has set out recommendations to improve patient care. [More...](#)

### **Contractors appointed for new £12 million hospital in Cromer**

Balfour Beatty has been appointed by the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital NHS Trust to build a new £12 million hospital in Cromer, it has been announced. [More...](#)

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

## This Week's Reports

### **[Health Profile of England 2007](#)**

The Health Profile of England provides national and regional data, which local areas can compare against their own health profiles. There is also a section of international comparisons. It is intended for public service professionals and officials within the local community.

### **[Report of the National Patient Choice Survey, England: May 2007](#)**

This report gives the final results of around 75,000 responses to the seventh National Patient Choice Survey commissioned to assess the implementation of choice at Primary Care Trust level. The survey monitors patient awareness of having been offered a choice of hospital for their first outpatient appointment.

### **[NHS Stop Smoking Services: service and monitoring guidance - October 2007-08](#)**

This updated guidance is intended for everyone involved in managing, commissioning or delivering NHS stop smoking services.

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

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

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## Events

### **[Can the NHS Afford to Buy Quality?](#)**

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

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 health care. Attendance is open to members and non-members working in the field of medical purchasing and supply, to other health care professionals and to representatives of companies who supply to the health care 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.

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

Once again we have attracted speakers of the highest calibre who will provide delegates with a unique opportunity to understand and discuss the key issues that affect us all.

Each year the high-quality debate of key issues attracts a capacity audience of members, other health care professionals and

representatives of major supply companies from across the UK and this year will be no exception. As in previous years, attendees will also be provided, via the Exhibition, with the chance to network with colleagues from across the UK and to meet together in relaxed surroundings.

For more information or to book your place, please visit [www.hcsaconference.org.uk](http://www.hcsaconference.org.uk)

### **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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