



## Welcome

### Welcome to this week's newsletter

#### **Calling all Scottish health care professionals - submit your entry today!**

The second annual *GO Awards Scotland* aim to recognise excellence within procurement in Scotland, and the benefits to the wider business and social community that smart, effective and sustainable purchasing can deliver.

Scotland has a thriving business community and a forward-thinking approach to public procurement. Public sector spending on goods and services across Scotland is estimated to be £8 billion per annum, with an estimated £1 billion relating to 'Category A' common goods and services, as currently defined.

The time has come once again to recognise the achievements and celebrate the success of all those across the public, private and third sectors who strive to make a difference to the Scottish economy.

*GO Awards Scotland* is welcoming nominations in eight categories. They are:

- [GO Sustainability Award](#)
- [GO Corporate Social Responsibility Award](#)
- [GO Healthcare Supplier Award](#)
- [GO Best Service Award](#)
- [GO / John F McClelland Collaborative Procurement Award](#)
- [GO Individual Excellence Award](#)
- [GO Team Excellence Award](#)
- [GO Outstanding Contribution Award](#)

The deadline for submissions is 11 September and the winners will be announced on 28 October at a ceremony to be held on the first evening of Procurex Scotland 2009 - Scotland's only national procurement conference and exhibition.

For more information on the Awards, or to request a nomination form, click [here](#)

## News

### **Cancer services in Wales to share funding for service improvement**

Welsh Health Minister Edwina Hart has announced £500,000 funding to be shared between a number of Welsh organisations to help them

improve cancer care and support under the National Cancer Standards. [More...](#)

### **Builders set to start on Liverpool's first radiotherapy centre**

The builders have moved onto site to start work on Liverpool's brand new state-of-the-art cancer treatment facility after the project was given the final green light by Monitor, the Independent Regulator of NHS Foundation Trust hospitals. [More...](#)

### **Go-ahead given to develop proton therapy services in England**

England has taken its first steps towards providing an advanced form of radiotherapy to patients, Health Minister Ann Keen has announced. [More...](#)

### **NPSA casts consultation net on serious incident reporting system**

The National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) is asking healthcare practitioners and managers across England and Wales for their views on improving a system that will strengthen the reporting of and learning from serious incidents across the NHS. [More...](#)

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

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## **This Week's Reports**

### **[Fit For the Future: Can we build a more active Britain? Speech by Andy Burnham](#)**

This is a transcript of the speech by Health Secretary Andy Burnham on 13 August 2009. Mr Burnham talks about the Government's efforts to get Britain more physically active.

### **[Flu Pandemic Advice for Healthcare Providers](#)**

This guidance, released by the Care Quality Commission, provides advice for healthcare providers on dealing with a flu pandemic.

### **[Local Authorities' Use of Carers' Grant: A report prepared for the Department of Health](#)**

This is the report of a study that aimed to get a better understanding of how local authorities in England spent their carers' grant allocations between 2005 and 2007 and how it enabled them to improve support for carers in their area.

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

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

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## **Events**

### **[Health Care Supply Association Annual Conference and Exhibition 2009](#)**

#### **4-5 November - Hilton Deansgate, Manchester**

This year's Health Care Supply Association Annual Conference and Exhibition promises to be the best yet!

This event is a must for individuals and organisations who have an interest in the supply of goods or the commissioning of services in the health care sector. Attendance is open to both members and non-members of the Association, including those who commission, buy or supply. The conference will also be of interest to companies which supply to public, private or third sector health care organisations.

We are delighted to have assembled speakers of the highest calibre for this year's event. Our speakers will provide delegates with a unique opportunity to discuss and understand all the latest thinking across the health care sector, particularly in commissioning, health care purchasing and supply strategy and performance.

Every year the sessions provoke high-quality debate on the key issues of the day, attracting a capacity audience of delegates from across the UK, and this year will be no exception. Apart from the formal sessions, there will also be opportunities to visit the exhibition and engage in informal networking with colleagues from across the health care spectrum in an impressive and prestigious venue.

Among the delegates this year will be those involved in leading and working within the main organisations engaged in health care procurement in the NHS in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Do not miss the opportunity to be involved in this stimulating and topical event designed specifically for health care procurement professionals and commissioners.

To book your place, please click [here](#)

### **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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