



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Health Care Supply Association - Chairman's Awards

The Health Care Supply Association has just issued its invitation for the submission of nominations for the [2008 Chairman's Awards](#). The winners of this year's Awards will be announced and presented at the Annual Conference Gala Dinner on 7 November 2008 at The Belfry, near Sutton Coldfield.

To view the Awards criteria and nomination form click [here](#)

Please note that nominations can only be made by Full, Honorary and Retired members. The closing date for nominations, to be sent to John Effingham by email, is Friday 12 September 2008.

If you have any queries regarding the Awards process please contact John Effingham, Executive Director, Health Care Supply Association, at john.effingham@pasa.nhs.uk

CompeteFor - the 2012 Games

CompeteFor is the chosen website of London 2012 and has been designed for the publication of Games-related contract opportunities from both public and private sector organisations. London 2012 expects to have around 7000 direct contracts which, together with its suppliers, will form supply chains of around 75,000 opportunities.

By using this free service to publish your Games-related opportunities you will increase your access to innovation, improve your choice of suppliers and increase the resilience of your supply chain. By registering as a buyer at www.competefor.com you will also have access to a free training service and helpdesk to help you get the most from the service.

The CompeteFor service is open to all levels of the supply chain for the 2012 Games.

News

Progress made in NHS diabetes care

Diabetes care in the NHS is improving and focusing more on prevention, according to a report published by the Department of Health. [More...](#)

Board's decision signals support for Vale

The Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has taken a crucial step towards securing the long-term future for the Vale of Leven Hospital site. [More...](#)

Huge increase in Welsh prescription claims

Almost three million more prescription medicines were dispensed in Wales in the year after fees were scrapped, according to new figures. [More...](#)

Fall in cancer waiting times 'encouraging'

Waiting times for cancer patients are continuing to come down according to the latest figures, with the NHS in Scotland recording its best ever performance in reducing cancer waiting times. [More...](#)

Work gets under way to build new outpatient centre

Building work to create a new outpatient department is getting under way at Southend University Hospital. Contractors Fitzpatrick are embarking on constructing the two-storey Carlingford Centre, at the rear of the hospital site, which will provide chemotherapy day treatment facilities as well as outpatient clinics for a range of services. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Department of Health Audit Committee: 2007-08 annual report to the departmental board](#)

This is the 2007-08 annual report of the Department of Health's Audit Committee.

[NHS Confederation Annual Conference: Speech by Alan Johnson](#)

This is a transcript of the speech by Secretary of State for Health Alan Johnson to the NHS Confederation Annual Conference in Manchester on 18 June 2008. He discusses the NHS next stage review.

[Response to the consultation on regulations for Local Involvement Networks](#)

The Department of Health has published a response to a consultation it held on the draft regulations for Local Involvement Networks (LINKs). The draft regulations set out how LINKs' powers would work in practice and the consultation asked a number of specific questions. The publication summarises the consultation results and the Government's response to the views expressed.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

GO Awards Scotland 2008

Deadline extended to 2 September 2008

The *Government Opportunities (GO) Awards Scotland* aim to recognise excellence within procurement, 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 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.

Entries are welcome across a broad range of categories. The 2008 categories are:

GO Sustainability Award sponsored by HP

GO Corporate Social Responsibility Award

GO Healthcare Supplier Award supported by NHS Scotland

GO Best Service Award

GO McClelland Collaborative Procurement Award

GO Individual Excellence Award

GO Team Excellence Award sponsored by SPS Consultancy Services

GO Outstanding Contribution Award

For more information on the GO Awards Scotland 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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