



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Calling all Scottish health care professionals

Following on from the recent success of the National *Government Opportunities (GO)* Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2009, we are delighted to announce the second annual *GO Awards Scotland*. The Awards 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 7 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, visit <http://www.govopps.co.uk/awardscotland/home.htm>

News

New Horizons - government consults on mental health and well-being

Urban allotments, reading groups and computer training for the over 50s are just some of the good practice initiatives featured as part of a

new approach to public mental health and well-being, announced by Care Services Minister Phil Hope. [More...](#)

Royal London Hospital - now a specialist centre for both major trauma and stroke

Staff at Barts and The London NHS Trust have welcomed the news that The Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel, east London has been officially designated as both a major trauma centre and a hyper-acute stroke centre. [More...](#)

NHS care indicators on new website

Two hundred care quality indicators are to be made available on a single NHS website, a move which has the enthusiastic backing of outgoing Health Minister Lord Darzi. [More...](#)

Regional Assembly Chief Executive appointed to Trust Board

The Appointments Commission has appointed Brian Stewart, Chief Executive of the East of England Regional Assembly, as a non-executive director on the board of the West Suffolk Hospital NHS Trust. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Guide to Good Practice in Clinical Perfusion](#)

This guide was developed in order to assure safe and high-quality clinical perfusion services.

[Prevention Package for Older People](#)

This document raises the focus on prevention as a means of ensuring good health, well-being and independence in later life by promoting and encouraging uptake of comprehensive health and social care services for older people.

[Psychosocial Care for NHS Staff During an Influenza Pandemic](#)

This guidance sets out the psychosocial care strategy that NHS and social care organisations need to have in place for supporting staff resilience.

Reports can be found at:

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

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 who 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 throughout 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](#)

Health Care Supply Association www.healthcaresupply.org.uk
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