



Health Care Supply Association

MEMBER NEWS

## 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!

## News

### **NHS Health Scotland**

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing Nicola Sturgeon has announced two new non-executive member appointments to the Board of NHS Health Scotland. [More...](#)

### **NHS review enters next phase**

A step was taken towards creating a world-class NHS which improves quality of care as well as preventing illness when NHS staff, patients and members of the public came together to discuss emerging themes from the Our NHS Our Future review led by Lord Darzi. [More...](#)

### **Government announces first steps in strategy to help people maintain healthy weight and live healthier lives**

A new £372 million cross-government strategy to help everyone lead healthier lives has been published by the Health Secretary Alan Johnson and the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, Ed Balls. [More...](#)

### **Major £46 million investment in chronic conditions**

Up to 5000 people with chronic conditions such as heart disease and diabetes will have their condition managed through the most up-to-date technology by 2011. [More...](#)

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

## This Week's Reports

[The first two years - National Institute for Health Research progress report 2006-08](#)

This report describes the progress made by the National Institute for Health Research on implementing the Government's Best Research for Best Health research strategy.

### **Medicines Management: everybody's business**

This leaflet aims to empower carers and service users to ask relevant questions about medication. It also aims to help health and social care practitioners improve their person-centred approach to medicines management.

### **Commissioning Framework for Health and Well-being: response to consultation**

The Commissioning Framework for Health and Well-being sets out the eight steps that health and social care should take in partnership to commission more effectively. This document summarises responses to a consultation on the Framework.

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

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

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## Events

### **National Public Procurement Practitioners Day (N3PD) and the GO Awards**

**Institution of Civil Engineers, One Great George Street,  
London**

#### **5 June 2008**

Procurement professionals are urged to request their nomination forms now for the much anticipated *Government Opportunities (GO)* magazine Awards 2008.

The 2008 Excellence in Public Procurement Awards promise to be even better with the addition of two new categories, offering candidates more chances to win.

The two new categories – Collaborative Procurement and Improved Delivery Through Greater Third Sector Involvement (sponsored by the National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning) – are sure to increase the quality and number of entries this year. The *GO* Awards' recognition of these two rapidly growing areas is indicative of the event's role at the cutting edge of procurement.

#### **The 2008 categories are:**

*GO* Lifetime Achievement Award

*GO* Individual Excellence Award

*GO* Team Excellence Award (sponsored by [BSI Product Services](#))

GO Sustainability Award

GO Collaborative Procurement Award

GO Award for Improved Delivery through Greater Third Sector Involvement (sponsored by [the National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning](#))

GO Best Service Award (sponsored by [Central Telecom](#))

GO Young Procurement Professional Award

GO Best Small Supplier Innovation Award (sponsored by [www.supply2.gov.uk](#))

Those wishing to submit an entry for the GO Awards can register on the N3PD website at [www.n3pd.com](#). To ensure you have a greater chance of winning, a new best practice document offering guidance on how to complete your application form effectively is now available on the website. The winners of the Awards will be announced on 5 June at the Institution of Civil Engineers at One Great George Street, London.

### Update your diary by visiting

<http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk/events/index.htm>

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## 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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