



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

2009 Annual Conference and Exhibition - a date for your diary!

We are delighted to announce the date and theme of this year's annual conference and exhibition. The two-day conference, **Think New, Think Different, Think Change**, will take place on 4-5 November at the Hilton Deansgate, Manchester. We are currently in the process of finalising the details of what promises to be an interesting and stimulating event, so do ensure that you keep these dates free in your diary and watch this space for more information.

To register your interest today, click [here](#)

News

New Chemo Unit at Dorset County Hospital

The new £650,000 unit delivers chemotherapy on a daily basis to patients in Dorset and further improves patient care at the hospital.

[More...](#)

Welsh Assembly Government backs plans for hospice in Newport

A hospice providing care for people in Gwent will receive £2 million of Assembly Government funding towards the development of a purpose-built centre in Newport. [More...](#)

Patients rate The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital one of the best

The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital has been rated as one of the top trusts in the country by patients in a recently released survey. The Care Quality Commission's National Inpatient Survey looks at hospitals across the country through the experiences of patients and The Royal Orthopaedic rated better than average in 8 out of 10 categories - including the overall experience. [More...](#)

NHS Lothian hits financial targets

NHS Lothian hit its financial targets for 2008-9, according to a report to be presented to the board of NHS Lothian. Susan Goldsmith, Director of Finance, NHS Lothian, will disclose that an underspend of £200,000 will be carried forward into 2009-10. This was against a budget of £1.2bn. [More...](#)

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This Week's Reports

[Government Response to the Health Select Committee Report on Health Inequalities](#)

This document sets out the Government's response to the conclusions and recommendations made by the House of Commons Health Select Committee report on health inequalities, which was published on 15 March 2009.

[Understanding What Matters: A guide to using patient feedback to transform care](#)

The guide sets out best practice for collecting, analysing and using patient feedback to transform services. It also includes examples of how the NHS is already using feedback from patients to get results.

[Common Assessment Framework for Adults Demonstrator Site Programme: Overview of phase one sites](#)

Care Services Minister Phil Hope announced on 9 February 2009 that nine local authority-led partnerships have been selected for phase 1 of the common assessment framework for adults demonstrator site programme. This report provides an overview of what each site is doing.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[Procurement - The Latest Issues](#)

10 June - City Inn, Birmingham

Procurement is an ever-changing marketplace where the policy or initiative of today can become the process or procedure of tomorrow.

European Court of Justice rulings, Office of Government Commerce guidance, legal cases and judgments all impact on the methodologies that procurement departments must employ.

This seminar reviews recent legal cases from the European and UK courts which have shaped procurement practices across the United Kingdom, and examines best practice in dealing with important aspects of the procurement process. It will also review and consider the implications of both legal cases and best practice and show how best to adopt them into everyday procurement procedures.

Effective procurement can only be guaranteed when those charged with the task have access to the latest procurement guidance and a solid understanding of European and UK case law.

This seminar will look at the latest judgments and review past cases such as 'Lianakis' and 'Beentjes', examining their impact on Selection Criteria as well as identifying the conditions now imposed by legislation to ensure compliant Award Criteria. Details of the latest guidance and examples of best practice in Framework Agreements and Competitive Dialogue will also be discussed.

The event will round off by reviewing the forthcoming changes to the Remedies Directive, identifying best practice in supplier debriefing and considering the latest implications of Freedom of Information.

Who should attend:

The purpose of this seminar is to examine both best practice and the legal drivers behind certain aspects of public procurement. The event will be ideal for procurement officers and contract managers in the public sector and programme managers, legal advisers and legal practitioners across the public and private sectors.

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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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