



## Welcome

**Welcome to this week's newsletter**

### **Health Care Supply Association Conference and Exhibition 2008**

#### **World Class - Are We Capable? Meeting the Procurement and Commissioning Challenge**

#### **6-7 November - The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield**

This will be the Association's 38th Annual Conference. Once again we have created a stimulating and topical event designed specifically for purchasing and supply professionals involved in the support of health care. Every year the high-quality debate on key issues attracts a capacity audience of members, other healthcare professionals and representatives of major supply companies from across the UK, and this year will be no exception.

Speakers include:

- Professor Christine Harland, President, Health Care Supply Association
- Gary Belfield, Director of Primary Care, Department of Health
- Roger West, Procurement Director, NHS Supply Chain
- Gerry Hay, Chair of the Continence Group within the Absorbent Hygiene Products Manufacturers Association
- John Cooper, Chief Operating Officer, NHS PASA
- Andrew Cash, Chief Executive, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Simon Sperryn, Chief Executive, Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply
- Andrew Douglas, Visiting Professor, Bristol Business School, University of the West of England

The Association is also delighted to announce that we have secured Motivational Speaker of the Year 2007 Steve McDermott as our 2008 guest speaker.

We hope that you, as a member of the Association, will support this event and take advantage of the opportunity to meet with your colleagues from around the country and explore the issues affecting

healthcare purchasing.

For more information, or to book, please click [here](#)

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## News

### **State-of-the-art maternity care in Gloucestershire**

A £29.1 million centre dedicated to birth and women's health will put Gloucestershire at the vanguard of 21st century maternity care.

[More...](#)

### **Lothian makes plans to avoid ill-health**

NHS Lothian have discussed new plans to encourage healthier lifestyles through better diets and physical activity in Lothian at its board meeting. [More...](#)

### **Welsh IT system switch a big success**

The North East Wales NHS Trust is pleased to announce that transfer to its new patient administration computer system, Myrddin, has taken place successfully. [More..](#)

### **MRSA figures released for East Surrey Hospital**

East Surrey Hospital failed to meet targets to reduce cases of the potentially fatal superbug MRSA – despite introducing new hygiene measures. [More...](#)

### **Patients give instant feedback on care**

Patients at Salford Royal are giving instant feedback on their experience of care, thanks to a new handheld device. [More...](#)

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

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## This Week's Reports

### **[Framework for Managing Choice, Cooperation and Competition](#)**

This framework supports strategic health authorities (SHA) and primary care trusts (PCT) in understanding the roles, responsibilities, values and behaviours required for the effective management of choice and competition within the NHS. It is the outcome of a series of workshops and seminars with senior SHA and PCT leaders.

### **[The Year 2007-08: NHS Chief Executive's annual report](#)**

NHS Chief Executive David Nicholson's second annual report looks at the progress made across the NHS in the last 12 months, and the challenges for the year ahead. In addition to his annual report, Mr Nicholson has published a framework for choice, cooperation and competition and a primary care trust procurement guide for health services.

### **[Deep cleaning NHS hospitals - request for case studies](#)**

This is a letter from Chris Beasley, Chief Nursing Officer, seeking feedback from strategic health authorities on examples of good practice resulting from the deep cleaning NHS hospitals programme.

**Reports can be found at:**

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

**Events****[Delivering Sustainable Public Procurement](#)****10 June - Marriott Maida Vale, London**

This event is designed to help all public procurement professionals understand how organisations can take into account social, environmental and sustainability considerations and still deliver value for money, while remaining compliant with the EU Public Procurement Directives.

Public authorities are under pressure to ensure that their procurement makes a positive contribution towards social inclusion, secures improvements to the environment and minimises any adverse environmental impact.

The UK has the aim of being among the leaders in the EU by 2009 in sustainable development. With a budget of some £150 billion, the sector can transform markets so that the private sector can join forces in pursuing sustainable purchasing policies.

For more information, or to book this event, 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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