



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

A note from the Executive Director

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

John Effingham
Executive Director

Health Care Supply Association – one-day member development seminars, 2008

Freedom of Information Act and EU Directives

Following the success of the Association's one-day Branch Development events on the Freedom of Information Act and EU Procurement Directives held over the past few years, we are now launching a series of combined events to provide delegates with an opportunity to update their knowledge of these two key areas of law affecting procurement professionals.

The Association is partnering with BiP Solutions in running these sessions in locations all over the UK. The sessions will be facilitated by Eddie Regan, one of BiP Solutions' senior procurement consultants.

To register your interest in attending one of the events please click [here](#)

You are encouraged to register your interest as soon as possible and by 1 August 2008 at the latest.

If you have any queries please contact your Branch Coordinator.

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

NHS Quality Improvement Scotland Board

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing Nicola Sturgeon has announced a new Non-Executive Member appointment to the NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (QIS) Board. [More...](#)

Plans confirmed for new £26 million Cromer hospital

The Board of the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has approved in principle plans to build a new £26 million hospital in Cromer, it has been announced. [More...](#)

Non-Executive Director moves to PCT

Non-Executive Director of Scarborough and North East Yorkshire Healthcare NHS Trust, Suzanne Carr, is leaving the post after almost four years in order to take up a position with North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust (PCT). [More...](#)

Patients given even more choice with Choose and Book

Patients sent for X-rays, scans and other diagnostic tests at Stafford and Cannock hospitals will soon be able to book the appointments themselves, thanks to the NHS Choose and Book system. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Impact Assessment of Moving Ahead with Electronic Prescription Service \(Release Tw\) and Enabling Completely Electronic Prescriptions in Primary Care](#)

This document assesses the impact of switching over to an electronic system for prescriptions in order to reduce the rising and indirect cost to NHS organisations and primary care contractors.

[Engagement Analysis: NHS next stage review - What we heard from the 'Our NHS, Our Future' process](#)

This report sets out a summary of responses received during the NHS next stage review process, which actively engaged, involved and solicited the views of patients, the public, staff and stakeholders.

[Framing the Nursing and Midwifery Contribution: Driving up the quality of care](#)

This report summarises the contribution to care of nurses and midwives and sets out the future direction for the professions.

[Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives: Six months on](#)

This newsletter provides an update on progress since the publication of Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives: A Cross-Government Strategy for England in January 2008.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[GO Awards Scotland 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 sponsored by NHS Scotland

GO Best Service Award

GO 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](#)

The deadline for submissions is 25 August.

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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