



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Calling all Scottish health care professionals - still time to submit your entry!

The second annual *GO Awards Scotland* 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 11 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, click [here](#)

News

Nottingham hospitals first in region to sign up to new 10:10 carbon emissions pledge

Cutting carbon dioxide emissions by ten per cent - that's the public promise being made by Nottingham University Hospitals Trust as it

becomes the first NHS Trust in the East Midlands to sign up to a new, major national initiative, the 10:10 carbon emissions pledge. [More...](#)

Good patient care still being achieved at UHCW NHS Trust

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) NHS Trust has advised its local population that it is achieving the highest levels of care. [More...](#)

New Council Members announced at Royal College of Nursing

The Royal College of Nursing has announced the voting results of the 2009 Council elections. [More...](#)

Cancer patients benefit from robotic surgery

The number of men diagnosed with prostate cancer in the UK is increasing. Out of every 100 cancers diagnosed in men, 24 are prostate cancers. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Review of Public Service Regulators](#)

This is a thematic review of public service regulators. It concentrates on three sectors - health, education and local government - and assesses the work of the Audit Commission, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission. It explores ways of regulating effectively for sustainable development in the wider public sector.

[Pandemic Influenza Toolkit for NHS Ambulance Services in England](#)

This toolkit is part of the Department of Health's programme for improving and enhancing the preparedness within NHS ambulance services for managing pandemic influenza. The aim is to support ambulance trusts in the delivery of an operational response. The body of the toolkit provides a summary statement of individual topics and signposts to further information, websites and material published by the Department.

[Payment by Results in 2010-11](#)

This letter, issued by the Department of Health, provides an update on work to prepare the Payment by Results tariff for 2010-11.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[GO Implementing the EU Services Directive Conference 2009](#)

We would like to draw your attention to the GO Implementing the EU Services Directive Conference 2009, which will take place on 7 October at the Cavendish Conference Centre, London.

The EU Services Directive will come into force on 28 December 2009. The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) leads on implementation in the UK and has issued guidance on necessary levels of readiness for competent authorities.

With a keynote presentation by Ian Lucas MP, Minister for Business and Regulatory Reform at BIS, as well as contributions from speakers representing government, business and the legal profession, this conference will provide delegates with essential information about the compliant implementation of the Directive and its implications for the public sector.

This one-day event will provide the information your organisation needs in order to prepare for the forthcoming changes and will explain what action you need to take in advance.

Book to attend the EU Services Directive Conference before 11 September to take advantage of the special offer price of £145 (+VAT) for all delegates.

Click [here](#) for further information and online registration or contact the Events team on 0845 270 7095. Alternatively, email events@bipsolutions.com

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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