



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Calling all Scottish health care professionals

Following on from the recent success of the National *Government Opportunities (GO)* Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2009, we are delighted to announce the second annual *GO Awards Scotland*. The Awards 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 7 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, visit <http://www.govopps.co.uk/awardscotland/home.htm>

News

NHS volunteer scheme launch success

More than 100 kind-hearted people have expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer at one of South Staffordshire's community hospitals. [More...](#)

Appointment of NHS Foundation Trust Chief Executive

Aidan Kehoe has been appointed Chief Executive of Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. [More...](#)

Improvements still needed in nursing regulation - RCN

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) has said there is still room for improvement in the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and has described waiting times for fitness to practice hearings as 'worrying'. [More...](#)

Patients in Sheffield benefiting from heart attack services

According to official statistics, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is one of the fastest hospitals to operate on patients who have suffered a heart attack. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Primary Care and Community Services: Improving GP access and responsiveness](#)

This document builds on existing good practice within the NHS to support primary care trusts in improving the accessibility and responsiveness of local GP services.

[Assuring Design Quality in the NHS](#)

This letter invites views from colleagues and stakeholders on achieving quality and sustainability in the physical environment of NHS facilities.

[Government's Response to the Health Select Committee Report on Top-up Fees](#)

This command paper sets out the Government's response to the conclusions and recommendations made by the House of Commons Select Committee report on top-ups that was published on 12 May 2009. The Government welcomes the committee's conclusion that Professor Richards' recommendations on additional private care are the best option for the NHS.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[Health Care Supply Association Annual Conference and Exhibition 2009](#)**4-5 November - Hilton Deansgate, Manchester**

This year's Health Care Supply Association Annual Conference and Exhibition promises to be the best yet!

This event is a must for individuals and organisations who have an interest in the supply of goods or the commissioning of services in

the health care sector. Attendance is open to both members and non-members of the Association, including those who commission, buy or supply. This conference will also be of interest to companies who supply to public, private or third sector health care organisations.

We are delighted to have assembled speakers of the highest calibre for this year's event. Our speakers will provide delegates with a unique opportunity to discuss and understand all the latest thinking across the health care sector, particularly in commissioning, health care purchasing and supply strategy and performance.

Every year the sessions provoke high-quality debate on the key issues of the day, attracting a capacity audience of delegates from throughout the UK, and this year will be no exception. Apart from the formal sessions, there will also be opportunities to visit the exhibition and engage in informal networking with colleagues from across the health care spectrum in an impressive and prestigious venue.

Among the delegates this year will be those involved in leading and working within the main organisations engaged in health care procurement in the NHS in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Do not miss the opportunity to be involved in this stimulating and topical event designed specifically for health care procurement professionals and commissioners.

To book your place, 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](#)

Health Care Supply Association www.healthcaresupply.org.uk
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