



## Welcome

**Welcome to this week's newsletter**

### **Health Care Supply Association Annual Survey 2008 - a reminder**

To ensure that your voice is heard and the Association receives your feedback on developments, please complete this online survey as accurately as possible.

The survey has been extended until 18 November. After that date, we will announce the names of the three lucky respondees who will each receive £25 worth of Marks & Spencer vouchers.

To go to the survey now, please click [here](#)

If you are having problems accessing the survey please email [helpdesk@healthcaresupply.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@healthcaresupply.org.uk)

## News

### **Plans to protect hospital service appointed**

Health bosses are hoping to safeguard the future of Neath Port Talbot Hospital's local accident centre, in response to chronic staff shortages. [More...](#)

### **New Deputy Chief Dental Officer appointed**

It has been announced that Sue Gregory has been appointed as the new Deputy Chief Dental Officer at the Department of Health. [More...](#)

### **New sudden cardiac death database to save lives**

A new database will help identify the incidence and causes of sudden cardiac death to save the lives of people who may currently be at risk from the inherited heart condition that can strike without warning, the Department of Health has announced. [More...](#)

### **Health Minister announces £500k partnership fund to support staff development**

A new fund to promote and develop partnership working between employers and trade unions has been announced by Health Minister Ann Keen. [More...](#)

### **Reducing NHS waiting times**

Health boards across Scotland are being given extra Government cash to help bring down NHS waiting times. [More...](#)

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

## This Week's Reports

### **[Additional Funding for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness](#)**

This letter describes additional non-recurrent funding of £15 million from within central budgets for 2008-09 for pandemic influenza preparedness.

### **[Acting for Change: Transforming pathology services through action learning](#)**

This report sets out lessons from learning projects covering point of care testing, workforce re-profiling, phlebotomy and service reconfiguration. It also presents an introduction to action learning.

### **[Prime Minister's Speech on Health](#)**

This is a transcript of the speech by Prime Minister Gordon Brown at a health conference on 6 November 2008. He talks about global health inequalities.

#### **Reports can be found at:**

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

## Events

### **[GO Collaborative Procurement Conference - Connecting For Success](#)**

#### **26 November 2008, Marriott Grosvenor Square, London**

The GO National Collaborative Procurement Conference and Exhibition 2008, Connecting for Success, offers attendees an insight into how collaborative practices can benefit both buyers and suppliers.

In the public sector, experience has shown collaborative procurement to be an effective way in which to deliver value for money savings, share expertise and promote efficiency. Whether collaborating across the whole of the public sector or between groups of organisations, it is combining innovation, experience and resources that delivers the kind of economies of scale which make a real difference to the bottom line.

Among the topics discussed at the conference will be the role of the third sector, how to stay EU-compliant, consortium perspectives, the benefits of collaboration for local authorities, and how suppliers can gain from closer working.

The keynote speakers will be Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury Angela Eagle MP and Commercial Director at the Office of Government Commerce Mike Greatwich.

To register for 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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