



Health Care Supply Association

MEMBER NEWS

## Welcome

**Welcome to this week's newsletter**

### **Government Opportunities (GO) magazine reader survey - available now!**

GO magazine aims to provide the most detailed, comprehensive and useful news and analysis of the public and private procurement sectors. To that end, the GO Team have launched a new reader survey and require your vital feedback. Those who complete the survey will have a chance of winning an iPod Touch, so be sure not to miss out! To take part in the survey, please click [here](#)

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## News

### **Care Quality Commission NHS ratings 2008/09 - Department of Health response**

Responding to the Care Quality Commission's NHS Ratings, Health Minister Mike O'Brien said: "The newly created Care Quality Commission have given a tough assessment which also shows improving standards across the NHS." [More...](#)

### **Review of NHS children's services**

Former Healthcare Commission Chairman Sir Ian Kennedy has set out the areas he will consider in his review of NHS services for children, looking at how to build on recent progress and ensure lasting improvements in quality and outcomes for children. [More...](#)

### **New heart bypass surgery at King's reduces scarring and helps patients recover faster**

A new approach to heart bypass surgery at King's College Hospital is helping to speed up patients' recovery, cut infection rates and minimise scarring from surgery. [More...](#)

### **NHS Directors reappointed in North Lancashire**

NHS North Lancashire is pleased to announce the reappointment of four of its Non-Executive Directors. [More...](#)

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

## This Week's Reports

### **[World-class Commissioning Update: October 2009](#)**

This letter gives an update for October 2009 on the world-class

commissioning programme.

### **The Government Response to the Health Select Committee Report on Patient Safety**

This document sets out the government's response to the House of Commons Health Select Committee's report on patient safety.

### **Collection Point Administration System User Guidance**

These training manuals are to provide guidance to users of the collection point administration system for antivirals.

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

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

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## Events

### **Health Care Supply Association Annual Conference and Exhibition 2009**

**4 - 5 November - Hilton Deansgate, Manchester**

The Health Care Supply Association Annual Conference and Exhibition will provide delegates with a unique opportunity to hear from leading health care purchasing professionals about all the most recent developments across the health care sector, in particular the impact of the new commercial operating model.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Professor Christine Harland - President, Health Care Supply Association
- Professor John Seddon - Managing Director, Vanguard
- David Astley - Chief Executive, St George's Hospital, London
- St Clair Hunte - Senior Nurse Clinical Procurement Manager, Yorkshire and the Humber Commercial Procurement Collaborative
- Peter Ellingworth - Chief Executive, Association of British Healthcare Industries
- Peter Mount - Chair, Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- John Parkes - Chief Executive, NHS Northamptonshire
- Gary Belfield - Acting Director General for Commissioning and System Management, Department of Health
- Jackie Potter - Chief Executive, Corridor Manchester
- Jonathan Wedgbury - Chief Executive, Healthcare Purchasing Consortium
- Jim Miller - Strategic Sourcing Director, National Procurement
- Helena Fuller - Chief Operating Officer, Yorkshire and the Humber Commercial Procurement Collaborative and Chair, Health Care Supply Association

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

For more information on the Conference, please click [here](#)

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