



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Health Care Supply Association Annual Conference and Exhibition 2009

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, Health Purchasing Consortium
- Jim Miller - Strategic Sourcing Director, National Procurement
- Helena Fuller - Chief Operating Officer, Yorkshire and the Humber Commercial Procurement Collaborative

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](#)

News

New consultation on personal health budgets launched

Direct payments for health care moved a step closer today with a new consultation launched by Care Services Minister Phil Hope. [More...](#)

New Non-Executive Director appointed

Tony Thompson has been appointed as a Non-Executive Director of The Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust. [More...](#)

New one-stop-shop for health care facilities

A new single technical guidance website for providers of health care facilities has been announced by the Department of Health and the three UK health organisations - the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for Northern Ireland, Health Facilities Scotland, and Welsh Health Estates. [More...](#)

CQC calls for better information sharing on patient medications

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has urged all hospitals and GP practices to ensure they are sharing 'timely, complete' information on changes to patient medication. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Equality Impact Assessment: Summary tool and guidance for policy makers](#)

Equality impact assessment is the process by which the Department of Health seeks to meet its legal requirements in conjunction with the Single Equality Scheme and to narrow the health inequalities that exist in England between people from different ethnic backgrounds, people with disabilities, men and women (including transgendered people), people with different sexual orientations, people in different age groups, people with different religions or beliefs and people from differing social and economic groups. This document gives more information.

[Managing Patients' Medicines After Discharge](#)

This review, issued by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), looks at how well patients' medication is managed after leaving hospital.

[Stock Management System Training Manuals](#)

The stock management system provides the Department of Health and NHS users with an effective tool to manage the distribution of antivirals to primary care trusts and collection points in the event of a pandemic. These training manuals provide guidance to users of the stock management system.

Reports can be found at:

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

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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