



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

[Government Opportunities \(GO\) National Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2009](#)

Calling all health care professionals - request an entry form today!

The GO Awards have been well received since their inception seven years ago, and winning one of these prestigious awards can not only boost team or individual morale but also assist in promoting your organisation to the wider procurement community and beyond. Entry to the GO Awards is free, and all finalists receive a place at the GO Awards ceremony on 4 June, a framed certificate and PR support to maximise awareness of their achievement.

The categories for 2009 have been updated to reflect the ever-changing procurement environment, and the entry process has been opened earlier, allowing teams and individuals more time to make their submissions.

The 2009 categories are:

- [GO Excellence in Sustainability and Social Procurement Award](#)
- [GO Best Collaborative Procurement Exercise Award](#)
- [GO Best Small Business or Third Sector Service Provider Award](#)
- [GO Best Service Award](#)
- [GO Best Procurement Innovation or Initiative Award](#)
- [GO Young Procurement Professional Award](#)
- [GO Individual Excellence Award](#)
- [GO Team Excellence Award](#)
- [GO Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

For more information on the specific criteria for each category, please visit www.goawards.co.uk

The deadline for entries is **31 March**, and any queries relating to the GO Awards should be directed to Shellie Toal at shellie.toal@goawards.co.uk or call her on 0141 270 7327.

The GO Awards are the ideal platform to demonstrate and celebrate best practice in public procurement - so request your entry form today!

News

New tumour technology to save lives

A new treatment which could save the lives of cancer patients is being introduced at Ipswich Hospital. [More...](#)

More convenience for patients as new systems introduced

Patients undergoing surgery at the West Suffolk Hospital are benefiting from an innovative new system which allows them to arrange a date for their operation during their very first outpatient visit. [More...](#)

NPHS publishes response to NHS Reforms consultation

The National Public Health Service for Wales has published its response to the Welsh Assembly Government consultation paper Delivering the New NHS for Wales. [More...](#)

Future of neurosurgery secured in Scotland

A national network securing the long-term future of neurosurgery at four existing sites in Scotland has been launched. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Spotlight on Complaints 2009: A report on second-stage complaints about the NHS in England](#)

This report on independent reviews of unresolved complaints about the NHS during 2007-08 includes analysis of the main issues raised in complaints and the types of organisation being complained about.

[Government's Response to the Health Committee Report into Foundation Trusts and Monitor](#)

This command paper responds to the conclusions and recommendations of the Health Committee's report into NHS foundation trusts and monitor published on 17 October 2008.

[Action to Be Taken for the National Patient-reported Outcome Measures Programme](#)

This letter asks for operational or executive leads on patient-reported outcome measures to be identified on an attached proforma.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[How to Perfect Your Tender Exercise](#)**3 March 2009 - Marriott Maida Vale, London**

This is a one-day seminar designed for public sector practitioners to help improve their knowledge of the tendering process and provide assistance on how best to maximise the potential of the market to secure a value for money solution for the benefit of their organisations.

This event will provide expert advice on the practicalities of the tendering process and help you improve your knowledge and understanding of all aspects of the complete process. It is designed for both the procurement officer dealing with the day-to-day management of specific aspects of the process and for the procurement manager responsible for the delivery of the overall tender package.

For more information, or to book your place 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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