



Health Care Supply Association

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Association Annual Survey 2008

The Association would like to thank all members who took the time to complete the 2008 Annual Survey. We are currently reviewing the feedback and comments and hope to update you on the findings in the not too distant future.

News

NI patients to be allowed access to 'top-up' medication

A leading Northern Ireland cancer charity has welcomed the announcement by Health Minister Michael McGimpsey that cancer patients in the region will be allowed to pay for additional drugs without losing their entitlement to free health service care. [More...](#)

Ambitious future for NHSScotland staff

The contribution and commitment of NHSScotland staff, supported by investment in their future and well-being, is essential to the delivery of better health care in Scotland, Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon has said. [More...](#)

Minister to invest over £5 million to improve services for respiratory disease

Northern Ireland Health Minister Michael McGimpsey has set new standards for the treatment and care of people suffering and at risk from respiratory disease. [More...](#)

Lord Darzi opens first Bedfordshire GP Health Centre

The first fully operational new GP health centre in Bedfordshire has been officially opened by Health Minister Lord Darzi. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[NHS: Inspiring leaders - Leadership for quality](#)

This document, issued by the Department of Health, provides guidance on talent and leadership planning for the NHS.

[National Leadership Council](#)

This document brings forward the recommendations for an NHS leadership council as proposed in Lord Darzi's Next Stage Review. It makes recommendations for the design and establishment of the council and presents the outcome of extensive consultation into its

implementation.

[Supporting People with Long-term Conditions: Commissioning personalised care planning - A guide for commissioners](#)

This guide provides commissioners of health and social care services with information and support to implement personalised care planning. This should ensure that people with long-term conditions receive more individualised care and services to help them manage their conditions better.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[GO Conferences National Sustainable Procurement Conference and Exhibition 2009](#)

11 March 2009 - QEII Conference Centre, London

The public sector in the UK procures an estimated £170 billion worth of construction works, goods and services a year, emitting 30.4 million tonnes of carbon. Although progress has been made on the sustainability agenda, there must be a consistent approach whereby all the policies and procedures implemented are filtered through to all areas of the public sector.

If the UK is to reach its goal of becoming a European leader in sustainability by the end of 2009 we must take steps now to think creatively about procurement - both about new approaches which can deliver better services and about ways in which we can better achieve our sustainability and social goals.

A number of recent developments have kept sustainable procurement at the forefront of current issues in procurement practice, including the *Costing the Future: Securing Value for Money through Sustainable Procurement* and *Buy and make a difference* reports, and the creation of the Centre of Expertise in Sustainable Procurement (CESP).

The GO National Sustainable Procurement Conference and Exhibition 2009 will bring together leading environmental experts from across a pan-government market to examine current legislation and the role that procurement personnel must play if the UK is to achieve its environmental targets and set new benchmarks for sustainable purchasing.

For more information on this event or 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](#)

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