



Health Care Supply Association

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

2009 Annual Conference and Exhibition - a date for your diary!

We are delighted to announce the date and theme of this year's annual conference and exhibition. The two day conference, Think New, Think Different, Think Change, will take place on 4-5 November at the Hilton Deansgate, Manchester. We are currently in the process of finalising what promises to be an interesting and stimulating event, so ensure that you keep these dates free in your diary and watch this space for more information.

News

Work begins on multimillion-pound emergency department at DRI

Work has started on an exciting hospital development that will see emergency services at Doncaster Royal Infirmary reorganised and modernised to provide a state-of-the-art Emergency Department.

[More...](#)

Nurses lead fight against infections, but Government must provide support

The Royal College of Nursing has joined with the Infection Prevention Society to call for 24-hour cleaning services, access to hand decontaminants and advanced training to tackle and prevent the spread of health care associated infections across the UK. [More...](#)

RCN welcomes launch of DH dementia strategy

The Royal College of Nursing has said that the launch of the Department of Health's National Dementia Strategy for England has the potential to significantly improve the lives of the millions of patients, families and carers who are affected by the condition.

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Intrahealth chosen to provide new GP-led health centre in Easington

Intrahealth has signed a contract with NHS County Durham to provide medical services to the new GP-led health centre due to be opened in Easington Colliery in March 2009. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

Department of Health: Efficiency in back-office services

This letter from NHS Chief Executive David Nicholson explains the importance of delivering efficiencies in back-office functions.

Dental National Decontamination Survey

This letter from Barry Cockcroft, Chief Dental Officer for England, highlights a national survey the department is undertaking that looks at how the current quality of decontamination of surgical instruments in primary care dental services can be improved.

Department of Health: Launch of the cooperation and competition panel

This is a letter announcing that the co-operation and competition panel for NHS-funded services will be operational at the end of January 2009.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

Government Opportunities (GO) National Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2009

Government Opportunities (GO) magazine would like to invite entries for its national Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2009. Following the success of the 2008 Awards, *GO* has launched this year's programme earlier, giving you even greater opportunity to submit a winning entry.

The *GO* Awards aim to recognise excellence within procurement, and the benefits to the wider business and social community that smart, effective and sustainable purchasing can deliver. The *GO* Awards not only boost the confidence and career progression of individuals and teams working in the profession, but also benefit the organisations and stakeholders they work for, as they highlight the direct and wide-ranging impact of procurement's contribution. 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 *GO* Awards categories, which have been updated for 2009, reflect the wide range of vital activities undertaken by procurement professionals, from maintaining supplier partnerships to process innovation and from cross-functional initiatives to developing their own professionalism - all built upon the management of the organisation's external resource base.

The judging criteria for the *GO* Awards will recognise the broad range of skills in which procurement professionals excel - including project management, negotiation, supplier management, cost reduction, process improvement, individual initiative and teamwork. In a word, it will recognise contribution!

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 updated website - www.goawards.co.uk - also includes GO Awards FAQs containing advice on how to submit a strong entry and improve your chances of success.

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!

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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