



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Association media partner BiP celebrates 25 years of trading

2009 represents a landmark year for our media partner BiP Solutions, as the company celebrates its 25th year of trading.

BiP has long been regarded as a leader in the provision of innovative and high-value business information services for the procurement sector. The company was formed in 1984 with the publication of Contrax Weekly magazine - the UK's first national tenders information publication, and still the only one of its type. Increasing use of the internet by businesses and government in the 1990s led to the electronic provision of BiP's market-leading business information services, and the company also pioneered e-tendering services that have since evolved to become an established and essential component of public procurement in the UK and overseas. BiP has also led the way in procurement-related events management, training, consultancy and software-as-a-service solutions provided on behalf of a number of major clients.

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News

Top marks for University Hospital of Leicester

Following a recent inspection of cleanliness and infection control, the Healthcare Commission (HCC) has given University Hospital of Leicester top marks. [More...](#)

Launch of NHS Central West London Community Services

The provider arms of NHS Kensington and Chelsea, NHS Westminster and NHS Hammersmith and Fulham joined forces in July to form an Alliance. [More...](#)

Early plans for roll-out of individual health records approved

Plans to roll out a system that will enable clinicians in hospital emergency departments and out-of-hours GPs to have access to important patient information to help with diagnosis and treatment have been approved by Health Minister Edwina Hart. [More...](#)

Healthcare Commission Improvement Notice

Homerton University Hospital has a long record of low healthcare associated infection rates. In this financial year there have been nine cases of MRSA blood infection (four of these patients already had MRSA on admission) and low rates of Clostridium difficile. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Transforming Community Services: Currency and pricing options for community services](#)

This document is a resource for commissioners and providers of community services to help create transparent models of funding through the use of new currencies (the units of healthcare for which a provider is funded) and better pricing at a local level.

[Mental Health Payment by Results Currency Development](#)

This letter, issued by the Department of Health, highlights the work being conducted to develop a payment by results approach for mental health work.

[Freedom of Information Publication Scheme 2009: Guide to information](#)

This guide explains what information the Department of Health makes routinely available, how it can be accessed and whether or not a charge will be made for it.

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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