



Health Care Supply Association

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Festive Season

The Health Care Supply Association would like to wish all members a pleasant festive season. The newsletters will recommence on 8 January 2009.

News

Missed appointments in Cardiff cost NHS £3 million a year

Missed hospital appointments in Cardiff are costing the NHS £3m a year as nearly 70,000 patients fail to turn up, it has been revealed.

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Phil Hope opens first GP health centre in the East Midlands

The first fully operational new GP health centre in the East Midlands was officially opened in Corby, Northamptonshire, by Health Minister Phil Hope. [More...](#)

91% of GP surgeries in Darlington now open longer

In Darlington, 91% of GP practices are now staying open for longer, giving patients the chance to see a doctor early in the morning, during the evening or at the weekend. [More...](#)

NHS London debt plans could devastate health services

London Councils has criticised the way NHS London plans to wipe out debt from its health services. [More...](#)

EC proposals to boost green NHS procurement

The European Commission has proposed a revision of existing EU law on energy labelling which aims to improve the energy and environmental performance of products and services and foster their uptake by consumers. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Department of Health: Simplification plan - Year three](#)

This document is the third Department of Health simplification plan. It contains measures that demonstrate how the Department of Health is reducing the regulation burden on stakeholders.

The Standard NHS Contracts for Acute Hospital, Mental Health, Community and Ambulance Services and Supporting Guidance

These guidance documents should be read in conjunction with The NHS in England: The operating framework for 2008-09. They cover agreements between primary care trusts and providers for the delivery of NHS-funded services.

Putting Prevention First: Vascular checks, risk assessment and management - Impact assessment

This report assesses the impact of a universal risk assessment and management programme that could help reduce health inequalities in vascular diseases such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease.

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 procurement 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.

To register for this event, 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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