

# SCOTLAND DOES IT AGAIN

## TOP NHS SUPPLIES AWARD WON BY SHONA MURRAY

### Background

The Healthcare Supplies Association, known as HSA to its membership, includes senior and middle managers plus suitably qualified staff employed in the provision of healthcare Supplies services. In addition, and in recognition of the increasing professionalism of its membership, the Association is affiliated to the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) enabling members to demonstrate the achievement of a prestigious business qualification.

### Education & Training

One of the most successful features of the Association has been its total commitment to education and training ensuring continued improvement in professional standards throughout the supplies function. Of particular note is the Annual Summer School, now in its 40th year, and growing constantly in stature since many recent schools had been oversubscribed.

The objective of the school is to bring together staff operating at similar levels throughout the UK by encouraging them to understand relevant issues, experience team working and problem solving. The programme is regularly reviewed and updated by the Education Group to reflect current topics and is delivered through a series of tutor inputs, individual exercises, day and evening group activities and a written report which the students submit after completion of the training. The report must be based on a subject of local or departmental relevance agreed between the students and their manager, which, if its recommendation were implemented, would bring tangible benefits to the department and /or the service.

Recognition of this effort is reflected in the 'James Smith Award'. There is serious competition and winners will have received very high marks.



### Summer School Winning Entry

Shona Murray, SNBTS captured first prize which includes a fully paid trip the Association's Annual Conference, the main event in the calendar, where she will receive her award from the Chairman.

Shona, seen here with her colleagues, receiving a bouquet of flowers and congratulations from George Young Chairman, Scottish Branch of H S A. Senior Manager Derek Noonan was also delighted by the award and recognition of the hard work Shona had undertaken. He commented on the benefits for the department and is already making plans to send other candidates to the school.

For further information on the Summer School and the Association

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