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Welcome to this week's newsletter

Important changes to EU Thresholds

The thresholds that apply to the EU procurement Directives are reviewed every two years. This ensures consistency with the thresholds adopted for the WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) whose requirements are also included in the Directives.

As always, PASS has produced a handy memo board to ensure that you are fully aware of all the threshold changes. To view the memo board, please click [here](#).

News

Health Secretary's NPfIT statement to the House of Commons

Health Secretary Andy Burnham has told MPs that the Government has no intention of cancelling the National Programme for IT (NPfIT), saying that "the NHS could not function without it". [More...](#)

Department of Health appoints joint National Clinical Directors for Respiratory Disease

The Department of Health is taking forward its commitment to tackling respiratory disease by recruiting joint National Clinical Directors for the Respiratory Programme. [More...](#)

Chairman of NHS watchdog quits

The Chairman of the Care Quality Commission, the NHS 'super regulator', responsible for overseeing both health and social care services, has resigned. [More...](#)

Practice Based Commissioning making an impact

GPs believe that Practice Based Commissioning is improving its impact on the patient experience and their local community by bringing care closer to patients, according to a newly revised survey. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Department of Health: Monthly and quarterly/biannual diagnostics statistics](#)

This page provides links to diagnostics statistics for the Department of Health.

Department of Health: The Quarter

This page hosts a series of quarterly updates from David Flory, Director General for NHS Finance, Performance and Operations, that outline the NHS financial position alongside progress made in health and health services.

Primary Care Trust Grant-making Powers to Commission Long-term Conditions Self-care Support from Third Sector Organisations

This document highlights the role that grants can play in developing and supporting low-level community activity. The use of grants is particularly pertinent to commissioning self-care support for people with long-term conditions. Third sector organisations will have an increasingly important role to play in meeting some of the expected increase in demand for self-care support.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

Procurex National 2010

9-10 March 2010, NEC, Birmingham

Remember to register by 18 December for your chance to win free PASS training

Not yet registered for Procurex National? Be sure to take advantage of the event's early bird offer - register by 18 December and you will be entered into a free prize draw to win one of ten places on a Procurement Advice and Support Service (PASS) training seminar course of your choice, worth nearly £300.

Procurex National is a free two-day event for public sector buyers. With two skills training zones and a supplier exhibition, Procurex National is your chance to build your knowledge, access new markets and connect with the wider procurement community.

Register free today by clicking [here](#)

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