



## Welcome

**Welcome to this week's newsletter**

### **Procurement Development Programme - Developing Future Talent**

**Sunday 11 April to Friday 16 April 2010**

The Health Care Supply Association's first Procurement Development Programme of 2010 will be held on the above dates at Woodland Grange Conference Centre, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. The Programme is specifically designed for staff on Grades 3, 4 and 5, or the equivalent, who are employed in health care procurement or commissioning.

Details of the programme can be downloaded from the Association website by clicking [here](#) or can be obtained from the Programme Organiser John Smith at [john.smith13@nhs.net](mailto:john.smith13@nhs.net). Nomination forms must be returned by no later than **Monday 15 March 2010**.

The Programme aims to increase professionalism generally and encourage those attending to obtain relevant professional qualifications. To reflect the changing healthcare environment, and as part of our constant effort to improve quality and applicability, the curriculum is constantly reviewed in consultation with our Learning and Development Group and from delegate feedback.

The Programme is a week of intensive work requiring the commitment of time and effort. The ability to interact with and consider the needs of fellow students and others is also highly relevant; thus a high standard of personal conduct is required. Ideally, candidates will have been employed in health care procurement or commissioning for no more than three years.

The objectives will be achieved through a series of tutor inputs, individual exercises, day and evening activities - including group work - and production of a written report.

Following the programme, participants will be asked to consolidate their learning into a short report. The written report should be on a subject of local or departmental commercial relevance and chosen by agreement between the delegate and their manager prior to attendance. The aim is that recommendations of the report are implemented, bringing tangible benefit(s) to the department and/or service(s) provided to users. Therefore, the report need not be confined to a pure procurement topic. National or international subjects do not fall within these terms, except insofar as they may have a clearly defined local impact.

The course fee of £895.00 + VAT covers all charges for the duration of the programme. Delegates will assemble on Sunday 11 April and the course will finish after lunch on Friday 16 April. En suite rooms will be available for twenty-four delegates. Joining instructions and

the final programme, including speakers, will be available nearer the date of commencement.

It is hoped that you will support the programme by encouraging your staff to attend, and we look forward to receiving your nominations.

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## News

### **Southampton matrons develop patient and relative 'listening clinics'**

Two leading nurses at Southampton General Hospital are giving patients and relatives the chance to talk about their experiences in innovative 'listening clinics'. [More...](#)

### **New Darnall Health Centre takes a step forward**

Plans to boost health services for local people in Darnall are set to move forward. [More...](#)

### **Improvements at Aberdeen hospital**

Independent inspectors have found improvements are being made at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, following an earlier critical report. [More...](#)

### **Boost for health research in Norfolk**

The University of East Anglia (UEA) has announced four key appointments to its highly regarded Faculty of Health. [More...](#)

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

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## This Week's Reports

### **[Choosing your Hospital Leaflets and Poster](#)**

These documents explain the right to choose from any hospital in England (including some independent hospitals) that offers suitable treatment at NHS standards and costs.

### **[Government Response to the Consultation on Safeguarding Adults: The review of the no secrets guidance - Written ministerial statement](#)**

This is a written ministerial statement to Parliament by Care Minister Phil Hope on 19 January 2010. He sets out the government's programme of actions in response to a consultation on the no secrets guidance that sets out the responsibility of local authorities to investigate and take action when a vulnerable adult is believed to be suffering abuse.

**Reports can be found at:**

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

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## Events

### **[Procurex National 2010 – your route to free procurement](#)**

## **training**

9-10 March 2010, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham

Looking for free training on the hottest topics in health care procurement?

Procurex National 2010 will feature over 60 training workshops aimed at helping health care purchasing professionals to improve their understanding of the ever-changing procurement landscape, including the latest EU legislation.

Training zone topics will include:

- The implications of the EU Remedies Directive
- Contract management reporting
- eSourcing
- Alcatel – running the Standstill Period
- Competitive dialogue

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<http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk/events/index.htm>

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## **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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