



## Welcome

**Welcome to this week's newsletter**

### **Procurement Development Programme - Developing Future Talent - Few Places Remaining**

**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).

## News

### **NHS Wales 'not protecting vulnerable adults'**

The NHS is 'lagging behind' social services in safeguarding vulnerable adults, inspectors have claimed. [More...](#)

### **New Audit Committee Chair at Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman**

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Ann Abraham has appointed Sir Jon Shortridge as Chair of her Audit Committee. Sir Jon takes up his post from 1 April 2010. [More...](#)

### **NHS feedback process to be made easier**

Local people with a query, concern or complaint about their local health services will find the process easier from 1 April. [More...](#)

### **NHSScotland activity statistics**

Figures recently released show that the NHS in Scotland is continuing to deal with more patients than ever before. [More...](#)

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

## This Week's Reports

### **[The NHS Performance Framework: Implementation guidance 2010-11](#)**

This guidance supports the application of the NHS performance framework, informs strategic health authorities as the regional

system managers and primary care trusts as the local commissioners of NHS services of when they should intervene to address poor performance and informs NHS organisations of the criteria against which their performance will be assessed.

### **A National Care Service: Speech by Andy Burnham**

This is a transcript of the speech by Health Secretary Andy Burnham at the launch of the national care service on 30 March 2010. He sets out the case for, and the goals of, the national care service.

### **A National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care**

This guidance is intended to support practitioners and others with responsibilities for NHS continuing healthcare in the implementation of the revised national framework of July 2009 and in the use of associated tools.

#### **Reports can be found at:**

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

---

## Events

### **National GO Awards 2010-11**

#### **Why should you enter the GO Awards?**

- Submitting an entry is free of charge
- The entry process has been streamlined to reduce the time needed to submit
- Each entry is reviewed by the National GO Awards judging panel, including previous Lifetime Achievement Award winners as well as members of the GO magazine Editorial Advisory Team
- Gain the recognition that being a finalist brings
- Winners and Highly Commended entrants will receive their coveted Awards in front of hundreds of attendees at the Institution of Civil Engineers at One Great George Street, London on 15 June

For further information, please click [here](#)

**Deadline for entries: 16 April**

#### **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](#)**

---

---

Health Care Supply Association [www.healthcaresupply.org.uk](http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk)  
Members Area - Hosts Access to CPV Codes Online, Members Directory, Members Discussion Forum, World-wide Procurement Links & Contract Search Services, as well as E-tendering and Electronic Supplier List Facilities, for further information on these services please visit <http://www.bipsolutions.com/Delta/delta.html>

---

---

We welcome your feedback, comments or suggestions for topics to be addressed, these should be emailed to [media@bipsolutions.com](mailto:media@bipsolutions.com). This email (and any attachment) is intended only for the attention of the addressee(s). Its unauthorised use, disclosure, storage or copying is not permitted. If you are not the intended recipient, please destroy all copies and inform the sender by return email. This email (whether you are the sender or the recipient) may be monitored, recorded and retained by BiP Solutions Ltd. Email monitoring/blocking software may be used, and email content may be read at any time. You have a responsibility to ensure laws are not broken when composing or forwarding emails and their contents.

This e-Newsletter is produced by BiP Solutions Ltd, Medius, 60 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.  
Tel: 0141 332 8247. Email: [bip@bipsolutions.com](mailto:bip@bipsolutions.com).

All information in this e-Newsletter is checked and believed to be correct at time of publication, but cannot be so guaranteed, and the publishers shall not be liable for any loss suffered directly or indirectly as a result of its use.