



## 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 less 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

### **30,000 patients choose Putnoe Walk-in Centre**

Putnoe NHS Walk-in Centre has been hailed a huge success after figures reveal that more than 30,000 patients used the service since its official launch a year ago. [More...](#)

### **London-wide paediatric research network launched**

A London-wide paediatric research network, focused specifically on improving medicines and treatments for children in the capital, has been launched. [More...](#)

### **Full steam ahead for hospital supercentre**

Work is well under way to transform the Royal Bolton Hospital into a regional supercentre for the care of women, children and babies. [More...](#)

### **Cut in prescription costs on the cards for Scotland**

Scots will move a step closer to free prescriptions, if the health committee approves the latest price reduction. [More...](#)

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

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## This Week's Reports

### **[Department of Health: Summary of insight research with middle-aged adults](#)**

This research investigated the habits and attitudes of middle-aged adults to diet, physical activity and weight status.

### **[Department of Health: The month](#)**

This is an agenda-setting monthly update of key messages from NHS Chief Executive David Nicholson and the NHS leadership team to share with staff, teams and organisations.

**Reports can be found at:**

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

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## Events

**[Less than 5 weeks to go - don't miss the FREE public procurement conference at Procurex National](#)**  
**9-10 March 2010 - National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham**

## Looking for some vital insight into how you can meet the efficiency challenge?

Procurex National will host a dedicated public sector conference, featuring 16 key speakers from organisations such as the Society of Procurement Officers in Local Government, Office of Government Commerce, and many more.

Designed to provide insight into the unique challenges facing procurement professionals today, each speaker's wealth of experience in successfully driving change and efficiency savings is sure to give you the tools you need to make a positive change in your organisation.

Conference sessions will include:

- Future Developments in Procurement, Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS)
- Change in the NHS, Manchester Commissioning Hub
- Policy through Procurement, OGC
- Changing the Face of Local Government Procurement, SOPO
- Public Sector Finances: The Scale of the Challenge, Institute of Directors

**[Register FREE for Procurex National today](#)**

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<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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