



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Procurement Development Programme - Developing Future Talent - A Reminder

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. Nomination forms must be returned by no later than **Monday 15 March 2010**.

News

Chief Executive announced for new adjudication body for health professionals

Stephen Shaw CBE has been appointed as the first Chief Executive of the Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator (OHPA), the Department of Health has announced. [More...](#)

NHS to provide more care at home

Measures to shape NHS services around individual patients have been set out by Health Secretary Andy Burnham. [More...](#)

Hospital trials to discover if hayfever drug could prevent asthma in children

Researchers at Southampton's teaching hospitals are to take part in clinical trials of a drug that could prevent young hayfever sufferers from developing asthma. [More...](#)

Extra funding for vulnerable older and disabled people in Wales

Welsh Deputy Minister for Housing and Regeneration Jocelyn Davies has announced a £4.9m Wales-wide package to provide practical help to enable older and disabled people to remain in their own homes. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[DH: Vital signs monitoring](#)

This page links to statistics on stroke, diabetes, child and adolescent mental health services, delayed transfers of care, rapid access chest pain clinics and maternity.

[Department of Health Campaigns](#)

This page provides information on the department's current public health campaigns.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[**National Government Opportunities \(GO\) Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2010-11**](#)

Government Opportunities (GO) magazine is proud to announce the return of its National Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2010-11 and National Public Procurement Practitioners Day (N3PD).

The National *GO* Excellence in Public Procurement Awards recognise the critical role that procurement plays within the delivery of effective and efficient public services, and for the past eight years have been the benchmark by which innovation, quality and achievement in this sector have been measured. The 2010-11 Awards provide all types of organisation - public, private and third sector - with a platform to promote and share best practice and highlight the initiatives that are making a real difference. Success should be recognised and celebrated, so why not ensure that your story is told?

To reflect the ever-changing procurement landscape, we have made a number of alterations to the categories and entry criteria for 2010-11. Categories open to the public sector are:

[GO Sustainability Initiative of the Year Award](#)

This Award recognises the pivotal role that public procurement can play in ensuring a more sustainable future for society. It recognises the transition that sustainability issues have made from being a secondary concern to now being centre-stage.

[GO Corporate Social Responsibility and Community Benefit in Procurement Award](#)

This Award recognises those organisations which have done more than most to incorporate CSR and Community Benefit in Procurement (CBiP) thinking into their procurement activities, ensuring a deeper, longer-lasting and wider spread of benefit than may otherwise have been achieved.

[GO Collaborative Procurement Initiative of the Year Award](#)

The *GO* Collaborative Procurement Initiative of the Year Award

recognises the vital role that collaboration will play in the future, and showcases the very best examples of this practice from across the entire public sector. Appreciating the diverse nature of collaborative procurement, this Award has three sub-categories to encourage entries from Health Procurement Hubs, Public Sector Consortia and other organisations.

[GO Innovation or Initiative of the Year Award](#)

The *GO* Innovation or Initiative of the Year Award brings creativity and imagination to the fore; celebrating concepts that have made a genuine difference within the procurement sector. The innovation or initiative can come from any quarter, and can be of any scale; but it must be a genuine advancement, and must be compliant with existing procurement legislation.

[GO Best Supplier Engagement Initiative Award](#)

Supplier engagement is high on the public procurement agenda, and this Award recognises those public or third sector organisations which are leading the way in engaging effectively and productively with their supply base. Initiatives can be of any scale or type - the focus of this Award is on the effectiveness and demonstrable benefit that has arisen as a result of the initiative; both to the supply chain and to end-users.

[GO Individual of the Year Award](#)

The *GO* Individual of the Year Award recognises the individual efforts of a procurement professional, and the positive impact that their involvement has had upon a particular procurement exercise or project. The Award recognises that, while successful procurement is delivered by teams, the motivation, imagination and determination of individuals within a team is critical to a successful outcome.

[GO Team of the Year Award](#)

Team working is pivotal to the success of public procurement, and the *GO* Team of the Year Award recognises the power and potential of a focused and unified approach to procurement initiatives. Teams can be based within one organisation or spread over multiple organisations, but they must comprise of individuals working towards the same objective or goal. Above all, this Award recognises communication, collaboration and the additional value that teamwork can create.

[GO Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

The *GO* Lifetime Achievement Award is a special recognition for those who have dedicated the majority of their career to advancing public procurement. As such, it is not an Award that is given lightly, or even at all if it is felt there is no candidate significantly deserving of it.

The updated website also includes *GO* Awards FAQs, which contains advice on how to submit a strong entry and improve your chances of success.

The deadline for entries is 16 April 2010, and any queries relating to the GO Awards should be sent to Shellie Toal at shellie.toal@goawards.co.uk or via telephone on 0141 270 7327.

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](#)

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