

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue brings you information on transforming public procurement and celebrating excellence in nursing at the RCNi awards.

Transforming public procurement across the country

NHSScotland is transforming public procurement with a national programme board chaired by Lesley McLay, Chief Executive, NHS Tayside set up to take forward this work.

Why the transformation?

There are 22 separate health boards in Scotland – 14 territorial health boards and 8 national boards. Each board has a procurement function of some sort and we all work together. We follow a national contracting workplan set by NHS National Procurement and have been really successful as a health service procurement community with a tremendous track record of delivery.

However, everyone across Scotland is aware of the challenges facing the NHS. We, as procurement professionals, are really well placed to make even more of a difference to patients and the people of Scotland and make sure we get the most out of every pound spent in our service. Every pound spent with third parties, which means pretty much everything other than salaries, touches procurement. Public procurement is highly regulated and part of our role as professionals is to make sure everything we buy is not only good value but is legal and also ethical. Our purpose is to enable our health service to deliver patient care.

We all know that operating the way we currently do has duplication and waste in our processes and as a strong community we are committed to relentless modernisation of our ways of working to do even better. [Click here](#) to read more. [To read the full newsletter click here.](#)

Celebrating excellence in nursing care

The fabulous RCNi Nurse Awards 2018 are back and open to the nursing profession!

Now is your chance to celebrate the inspirational achievements of nurses within all specialties from across the UK. From student nurses to specialist mental health nurses, healthcare assistants and assistant practitioners to nursing managers - whatever your nursing specialism may be, we want to hear about your incredible work and innovative ideas.

Winners will be announced at the exclusive RCNi Nurse Awards dinner taking place at the Westminster Park Plaza Hotel in London on Wednesday 4th July 2018. [Click here to find out more.](#)