

Advancing procurement through partnership and collaboration

Procurex Ireland 2025

Procurex Ireland is the leading national event for public procurement, uniting buyers, suppliers, and policy influencers from across Ireland's procurement community. Designed to drive strategic improvement, it offers direct engagement with decision-makers, innovative suppliers, and practical solutions to enhance procurement outcomes, particularly in sectors like healthcare.

The event welcomed over 850 attendees at the RDS in Dublin. Guest speakers included Emer Higgins TD, Minister of State for Public Procurement, Digitalisation and eGovernment, and Anne Stewart, Assistant Secretary General, Office of Government Procurement. As an official event partner, HSE Procurement delivered a keynote address on "Navigating Procurement in the Health Service", highlighting the crucial role of

procurement opportunities in enhancing patient care outcomes.

Speaking at Procurex Ireland, Siobhan Dunphy, Assistant National Director of Procurement, highlighted the importance of the event as a forum for meaningful exchange: "It provides opportunity for a two-way dialogue – we were able to explore new and innovative solutions, while suppliers gained insights into upcoming opportunities for doing business with the HSE during 2025."

21st National Health Summit

HSE Procurement participated in the 21st National Health Summit at Croke Park, Dublin – an influential event where healthcare leaders, professionals and experts gathered to discuss new strategies for planning, service delivery, and improving patient experiences across Ireland. The summit provided a key opportunity to highlight procurement's critical role in fostering innovation and enhancing outcomes within the healthcare sector. Within the "Productivity and Organisational Change" theme, Siobhan Dunphy, Assistant National Director of Procurement joined a panel discussion to discuss productivity challenges in our health service. The panel demonstrated strong alignment, with Siobhan offering insightful perspectives on how strategic procurement plays a vital role in advancing patient care.

Staff inspire secondary students at nursing and midwifery careers day

An annual event in University Hospital Limerick (UHL) promoting nursing and midwifery careers in the Mid West was attended by an enthusiastic audience of secondary students from Limerick, Clare, Tipperary and North Cork. Led by the Nurse Practice Development Unit team, the HSE Mid West Promoting Nursing and Midwifery Showcase brought together nurses and midwives from emergency medicine, theatres, oncology, high dependency unit, public health, mental health, children's nursing and pain to speak to the young students about the many career options available within the professions of nursing and midwifery.

The event drew appreciative comments from the students for the inspiring presentations from staff and the many interactive stands that were prepared for the event, which took place in the Clinical Education and Research Centre at UHL. The occasion was also one of the last major engagements attended by Maura FitzGerald, Head of Nursing Integration and Development, who retired at the end of the month after a long career in nursing at UHL.

Aids and Appliances – supporting care across the Mid West

The Aids and Appliances (A&A) department provides a comprehensive in-house service across the Mid West region, supporting community healthcare by supplying essential equipment. We support people in managing medical conditions, and those in recovery and maintaining their independence, through supply of mobility aids, bathroom and bedroom supports, orthotics and prosthetics, daily living aids, and respiratory care.

In 2024, A&A delivered over 52,000 pieces of equipment and recycled 14,500 items, representing €4.5m being reused to support care needs. Our stores team expertly manages equipment through its lifecycle, from tagging and stock control to decommissioning and recycling. Using the AssetTrak system, all assets are tracked, ensuring efficiency and full traceability. Serving over 600 product types, we support the Sláintecare vision of enabling individuals to live independently at home. We encourage the return of unused items (arranged via email to aastores.mw@hse.ie). The items are decontaminated, tested and reactivated for reuse, contributing to both sustainability and cost-effectiveness in community healthcare.