

# CONCENTRA TAKES TWO TOP UK IT INDUSTRY AWARDS

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Concentra (<http://www.concentra.co.uk>) : Business consulting and technology services company captures two top industry prizes at this year's British Computer Society Awards for Innovation

London, 05 December 2008: Business consulting and technology services company Concentra last night won two highly prestigious awards for its work developing a Web-based capacity planning tool (<http://www.concentra.co.uk/advancedModeling.aspx>) to help the NHS battle cancer.

"Winning these awards is another notable achievement in an amazing year for us as a company," said Concentra's Managing Director Rupert Morrison. "It is one of a series of industry acknowledgments we have achieved in 2008, and we can only once again thank our customers for their continued support."

The British Computer Society (BCS) Awards celebrate the greatest innovation, application and excellence in UK IT, with the judges this year singling out the company's work in collaboration with both the National Health Service and the pharmaceutical industry.

Concentra was recognised by the (BCS) for its significant contribution to the NHS' UK Cancer Reform Strategy in two prestigious categories: the 'Social Contribution Project,' which covers projects bringing benefits to either disadvantaged individuals or society in general, and the 'Business-to-Business Project' area, which celebrates projects improving business efficiency within and between businesses.

Concentra was also the only company in the 2008 BCS awards to win in more than one category.

The winning Concentra system is the C-PORT (Chemotherapy Planning Oncology Resource Tool) for the Pharmaceutical Oncology Initiative Partnership. The software is designed to improve the use of resources to enable a better cancer patient experience, such as shortening of waiting times for chemotherapy treatment, improved access to new therapies and more visibility on resources and patient mix at a national level.

C-PORT has been recognised as a major contributor to the NHS being able to support a nationally standardised way of evaluating the impact of new cancer drugs, as well as better utilise resources, plan and change working practices. C-PORT's development involved teamwork between the NHS, a number of pharmaceutical companies, business consultancy A.T. Kearney and Concentra, lead technology partner.

"We are extremely proud of our contribution to this vital aspect of health care in the UK and continue to work closely with the NHS cancer bodies to extend and enhance the system to derive maximum lasting value," added Morrison. "We anticipate that the success of the C-PORT can be built upon in other disease areas in the NHS."

C-PORT is built on Microsoft .Net, with complex simulation logic written in the T-SQL programming language on top of a Microsoft SQL Server 2005 relational database management system. The Web application runs under Windows 2003 Server with Internet Information Services 6.0.

C-PORT has won four other prestigious industry awards apart from the BCS in the course of 2008.

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