

LIBRARIES FOR NURSES IN WALES

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This three-month project is jointly funded by the Welsh National Board and the Royal College of Nursing, the objective of which is to gather information on the library-related resources for nurses throughout Wales. The initiative has been in response to a perceived gap in the type of information available to nurses about libraries within the country. At the moment there are a number of complementary but disparate library services, but it seems no centrally maintained database detailing (for example) opening hours and the type of services available to nurses at each library.

During the project my job will be to work with Angela Perrett, Librarian and Information Services Manager at RCN Wales, circulating a questionnaire to the various libraries and analysing the data that (hopefully!) floods back. The output from the questionnaire will be presented in the form of a web site and print directory, which in turn will be made available to nursing professionals within Wales.

Having been in post for a month, the Libraries for Nurses in Wales project is beginning to take shape. We now have a web site and our very own domain name (www.nursing-libraries.org.uk), and have just sent out the bulk of the questionnaires. As these are returned locations will be entered on the digital map stored on the web site (see screen shot overleaf). Users will then be able to search their locality to see what is on offer.

Although the site hasn't been officially launched at the time of writing this article (22nd February) the web address will remain the same. Please visit it in a month or so to see what you think. Any comments or queries

regarding the project should be addressed to me, email john.barker@rcn.org.uk or phone (02920) 751373.

An Example web page of the Libraries for Nurses in Wales Project.

