

The Best Available Evidence: New Committee Member, Sarah Greenley Outlines Her Work At The British Medical Journal

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My work in the information and library sector for the last seven years has ranged from further education, higher education, economic research and the Citizens Advice Bureau. In recent years however, my interest and work has shifted to health information.

My professional interests include the role of the information professional in the process of evidence-based healthcare, whether it be providing information at the point of care through library services, clinical librarianship, training health professionals and students or in the production and evaluation of the evidence-base. My previous job at St Bartholomew School of Nursing and Midwifery involved working as site deputy in the library as well as helping to design and implement an integrated information skills programme into the pre-registration nursing curriculum.

For the last two years I've been working at Clinical Evidence, (published by the BMJ Publishing Group) where my work as part of the information specialist team is based upon searching and critically appraising the literature for the best available evidence on a wide range of conditions. The work involves close liaison with editors and authors based around the world in the production of a chapter and the subsequent updating of each topic every eight months. It's a demanding job, but rewarding to work in an environment where librarians play such a key role in production of a resource and are valued as such.

Since completing my MSc after six years of procrastination, I've discovered an enthusiasm for more research. "Extra-curricular" activity for me at the moment revolves around a project to look at the effectiveness and feasibility of using librarians as part of the peer review process at the British Medical Journal, to investigate the originality of papers submitted for publication.

I'm really looking forward to my time as a committee member of the LfN group. As well as a chance to remain informed about current issues now that I'm no longer directly working with nurses, I hope that I can contribute a different perspective on the role of the information professional in providing services to nurses and share some of my experiences.

LfN Committee member changes

A number of changes to the LfN Committee will be taking place in the New Year. After many years as Chair of the Committee, Rebecca Davies will be standing down, to be replaced by Vickie Orton, who herself has been on the Committee for a number of years. Marketing and website development will now be taken over by Jane Shelley

Olwen Revill who has organised many successful Study Days for LfN will also be standing down.

We would like to welcome three new members to the Committee: Sarah Greenley, Amanda Quick and Kathy Cook

The Committee would like to thank both Rebecca and Olwen who have devoted a lot of time and effort to LfN over the years.