

## Libraries for Nurses Website: an update

**[www.nursing-libraries.org](http://www.nursing-libraries.org)**

An online health libraries directory for nurses and librarians.

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The Royal College of Nursing is pleased to announce that the Libraries for Nurses website has now been expanded to include England and Scotland.

The site, which was originally set up to meet the needs of nurses working in rural Wales, has proved so popular it has been expanded to include England and Scotland. It is anticipated that library sites in Northern Ireland will be added during 2003. The aim of the site is to provide nurses and librarians with a comprehensive map of health libraries across the UK. Information is provided about access policies to the library, opening hours, stock likely to be of interest to nurses, charges etc. The site contains comprehensive map data and can be searched by place name, keyword or by clicking on the map.

There have been many changes in recent years in access policies to library services for nurses and it is hoped that the website will raise awareness of the services that are available. Nurses are information hungry and building on the success of the Welsh site this service is meeting a real information need. The survey which gathered information for the site highlighted that many libraries offer free reference use of their facilities, which is of great benefit to nurses working in the community and in the independent sector who do not always have access to information services. There are also some nurses that may not be aware that their Trust library does actually provide a service for them. Librarians have also found it a useful tool for promoting their service and when necessary referring users onto more relevant services especially if they themselves do not offer a service to non-staff or students.

The site can be visited at [www.nursing-libraries.org](http://www.nursing-libraries.org)

If your library isn't included on the site then contact the RCN library at [resource.centre@rcn.org.uk](mailto:resource.centre@rcn.org.uk) or telephone Vickie Orton or Jill Hargreaves on 0113 3860 536 to request a form.

