

## JOURNALS NEWS

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The *Health Service Journal* is to be expanded by a supplement 24 times a year. This supplement to be called *IHSM Network* will be published by the Institute of Health Services Management and it will have its own identity and be under the editorial control of the IHSM. It is promised that the *IHSM Network* will cover regional issues and special interest groups such as trust chief nurses and practice managers and – buzz word – business managers.

*Patient Education and Counselling* will continue to appear and be published by Elsevier although the Patient Education Council which had previously collaborated in its production has filed for bankruptcy.

## LETTERS PAGE

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Dear Editors

*Briefing paper: healthcare sector LIS*

As requested in *LfN Bulletin*, I would like to make these comments on the above paper:

- 1 I feel the issue of the future of libraries in the health sector has been raised rather late by the Library Association. The suggested activities should therefore be initiated as soon as possible, after prioritisation by the consultative group.
- 2 There is no mention of the new job market for library and information professionals in NHS "information" posts. I would suggest that an investigation of this and a publicity drive to raise the profession's profile with NHS managers be added to the suggestions for Library Association activities.
- 3 I would fully endorse the proposal for a separate Committee within the new LA Structure, dealing with the healthcare sector.
- 4 Add to the list of contacts Chief Executives of the new Regions – especially as regional library services are under threat due to the reorganisation.

Yours sincerely

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## **SPECIAL OFFERS ON BOOKS from the RCN**

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These two titles have been remaindered and are  
now available at greatly reduced prices:

**CARTWRIGHT, A. and SEALE, C. (1990)**  
**The Natural History of a Survey**

(An account of the methodological issues encountered in a  
study of life before death). London: King Edward's  
Hospital Fund for London.

*Original price = £10.50 : Special price: £6.00*

**HUGHES, S. and HENLEY, A. (1990)**  
**Dealing with death in hospital.**

(Procedures for managers and staff). London: King  
Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

*Original price = £7.50 : Special price: £3.50*

**(FREE P&P)**

**ORDER EARLY WHILE STOCKS LAST**

Please send your order, *with payment*  
(payable to the Royal College of Nursing) to:

**The Library Secretary**  
Royal College of Nursing Library  
20 Cavendish Square  
London W1M 0AB

\*If you have any queries, please contact me on 0171 409 3333 (x239).  
**Cathy Samuels**  
(RCN Library)

## **NOTES**

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### **NURSES AND MIDWIVES CENTRAL CLEARING HOUSE**

#### **WE HAVE MOVED .....**

The Nurses & Midwives Central Clearing House moved on 26 September 1994 to:

**ENB  
P O BOX 9017  
London W1A 0XA**

## **NOTES**

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### **RCN LIBRARY and Royal College of Physicians "Link"**

The RCN Library is to receive on a regular basis relevant publications from the Royal College of Physicians of London to add to the Library's collections. Recent titles which are now being added to stock from the R.C.P. include new books on access to health care for people from minority ethnic groups, disabled peoples' access to hospitals and quality long term care for elderly people. These books and many more are available from the RCN Library or from the R.C.P. publications dept.

**FURTHER INFORMATION from:  
Tony Shepherd, RCN Librarian  
Phone: 071-409 3333, ext.210**

## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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Would YOU like to be our new Membership Secretary?

As the current holder of this interesting and very developable position on our LFN Committee, I will have to pass on the job as early in 1995 as I am able to someone else. Our constitution states that Committee members may only serve for four years. Several of us (shhh...) have overdone this very slightly, but I now really have to hand on this particular baton, although I have enjoyed running with it very much.

The job consists in keeping membership records up-to-date, printing quarterly Newsletter labels therefrom, holding back-issues of the Newsletter, and attending roughly bi-monthly Committee meetings as a full member, normally in London, with all expenses paid. A plum job!

A publicity and marketing sub-committee is in process of forming, and the Memb. Sec. could well have a leading role to play in the quest for a larger membership: we have been aware for some time that we just may not be reaching the major part of our constituency.

We currently have just under 200 members. The records are held on Cardbox, owned by the Committee. Cardbox is easy to use, to develop, and to adapt, and the membership system is well set up and running. And the Committee has just given permission for the new Windows version of Cardbox to be bought: a useful tool indeed to get one's hands on!

As I shall still be on the scene, full support and backup, including free Cardbox tutorial (I went on one that was far from free when I started!) and semi-permanent help-line, especially during the transition phase, will be available.

Do phone me on 0865 224478 for a chat, if you're interested, or talk to any of the Committee members about being on the Committee: we really do need someone badly, and fairly soon.

**Robin Snowball**  
**Cairns Library**  
**Radcliffe Infirmary**