

## **Libraries for Nursing**

### *Promoting informed nursing care*

The Committee of NIS, the Nursing Information Subgroup of the Medical, Health & Welfare Libraries Group of the Library Association, has for some time considered that the Subgroup's name requires alteration to reflect a clearer, more active group identity. After much thought, and canvassing ideas from members, we have decided to change our name, as from January 1993, to

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Our 'slogan' will also change from 'Supports informed nursing care' to the more proactive '*Promoting informed nursing care*'.

#### **Rationale**

We did consider names which included the word information, librarians, or librarianship, but decided on **Libraries for Nursing** because:

\* '**Libraries for Nursing**', rather than 'nursing libraries' reflects the increasing variety of service provision to nursing staff and students for nursing, multi-disciplinary and Higher Education libraries;

\* '**Libraries**', rather than 'information', is used to reflect the broader role of librarians in providing not just information and resources, but also services, curriculum development support and input to learning skills and other programmes;

\* '**Libraries**', rather than 'Librarians', allows non-librarians, such as clinical nurses and nurse tutors interested in resources and library use to be included in the group's membership and activities;

\* '**for**' is a supportive, active word affirming the essential role of libraries in supporting informed nursing care;

\* '**Nursing**' denotes that we are a specialist area of health librarianship, and is intended to include midwifery, health visiting and community nursing.

We believe that this new name will more accurately reflect the Group's purpose and prove easier to use in promoting the Group and its concerns.

The change of Group name will also lead to a change of name for the NIS Newsletter, which as from the first issue of 1993, will become the

**Libraries *for* Nursing  
Bulletin**

We hope you like the changes -  
now all we need is more

contributions from you to help develop the Newsletter into a more meaty and informative Bulletin. Start writing now and send you contributions to the Editor.

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**Graham Haldane**