
During 1997, ASHSL has been looking at its relationship with other LIS groups which is really why I am writing this article. I am the Scottish representative on the LfN Committee and have recently been co-opted on to the ASHSL Committee, as LfN and nursing representative. Thus the idea is that I am the 'link body', ensuring that information flows between the two committees.

There has been a proposal at a recent AGM to change the name of the Association to the 'Association of Scottish Health Care Librarians and Information Scientists' or something similar.

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THE ASSOCIATION OF WELSH HEALTH LIBRARIANS

Introduction

The Association was established in 1981 by a group of librarians from the Health Service and Universities within the Principality, providing library and information services to health personnel. There have been many changes in the NHS in the last few years, and AWHL provides a united voice for all health information librarians in Wales.

AWHL has around 40 member institutions which include libraries manned by one librarian to libraries with eleven or more staff. Officers and members of the AWHL are elected at the AGM and consist of five committee members, plus five officers - Chair; Deputy Chair; Secretary; Treasurer/Membership Secretary, and Newsletter Editor.

The committee meets to discuss issues of concern to AWHL as well as to arrange courses and meetings for our members.

Aims

AWHL's most important aims are to raise the standard of library and information services offered to health personnel in Wales and to improve the conditions and career structure of librarians providing these services.

Benefits of joining AWHL

- * New Member's Pack
- * AWHL Newsletter
- * *Union List of Journals* (lists the journals titles from holdings of AWHL member institutions)
- * approx. 4 meetings a year
- * opportunity for continuing professional education
- * support from library colleagues across Wales

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CORE LISTS OF NURSING BOOKS

Jim Moore of King George Hospital, Ilford, and member of the LfN Committee, has been working hard for the last few months producing a Core list of nursing books. The list is expected to be of particular use to librarians new to the health and nursing field and to trained nursing staff. It has received input from librarians and nursing staff and will be fully annotated. Publication, which is hoped to be later this year, will be supported by *Libraries for Nursing*, the *Health Libraries Group* and the *Medical Information Working Party*.

John Lancaster, University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff in association colleagues from the Department of Information Services and Ann Ryall Davies, Director of Professional services at the Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting and Tomlinson Booksellers have just produced *Books for nurses and midwives : a core guide to collection development*. Copies are being distributed to health libraries.

We hope to carry reviews of both of these lists in a future issue.