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## **LfN News**

**Evaluation of the LfN Study Day "Shaping our professional future: pro-actively meeting information needs, held at the Royal College of Nursing, Cardiff, 27 May 2005**

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Fulbourn, Cambridge  
Attendance**

- This study day was held in Cardiff and attended by 42 people. Of these attendees, five were speakers, five were committee members, three were facilitators and 29 were attendees.

There were 26 completed evaluation forms (62% of those present). Not everyone answered all the questions and only 10 people (24%) added comments in addition to ticking the boxes.

From the returned forms it can be seen that 19 attendees are members of LfN (some are institutional members) and 15 are members of other health-related groups. 12 are members of HLG.

Academic libraries employ 15 of the attendees whilst 5 work in NHS libraries.

### **About the study day**

The majority of attendees regarded the venue as excellent whilst the publicity, catering, timing and cost were generally rated as good. However, several respondents felt that the day was too expensive, especially for non-members, and there was obviously a problem in that the vegetarian food was not labelled.

Several people felt that the room/chair layout could have improved visibility and acoustics and the availability of water was suggested. The chance to have time to talk was appreciated.

### **Speakers' sessions**

Sessions 1 and 3 (*Meeting the local information needs of nursing staff: the key results of the RCN's Information Needs Analysis and Getting to know your customers better*) were fairly evenly split between good and excellent.

Session 2 (*Future proofing your CPD*) was regarded by most attendees as being good.

Session 4 (*The key to information*) was felt by most people to be excellent.

Overall, the Study Day was rated either good or excellent.

### **Future study days**

Three people expressed the wish for more workshops and it was suggested that people need to move around in order to improve their concentration, especially after lunch. Other suggestions were for longer sessions and for more variety of sessions.

The use of venues in different parts of the country was appreciated.

### **Suggested topics for future study days**

- Publicising services
- Primary Care
- Lobbying for better IT provision
- Importance/implications of NLH
- Framework for internet information evaluation
- Roles of librarians and links with tutors – clinical, academic, nurse etc.
- Joint library staff (LfN) and nursing staff (RCN) day to promote networking and find out needs of nurses/promote library service

## Summary

This was a successful study day. The day was well organised and the ratings for the 'domestic' aspects were nearly all good or excellent. Nearly everyone also rated the speakers' sessions as good or excellent.

The day was well attended and obviously held in a popular venue. 42 people were present, compared with 30 in May 2004 (Nottingham) and 29 in May 2003 (York).

Any uncertainty is due to the fact that only 62% of evaluation forms were returned, and that only 24% of those attending made any written comments. It would seem reasonable to presume that the non-responders were also satisfied with the day.

There were very few critical comments and the committee should be congratulated on the choice of programme and on the organisation of the day.

## Abstracts from speakers

### Jackie Lord and Ros Bertulis

#### Royal College of Nursing

*"Meeting the information needs of nursing staff: the key results of the RCN's Information Needs Analysis"*

Jackie Lord and Ros Bertulis highlighted some of the findings of RCN LIS' UK-wide survey of nurses' information needs:-