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It is possible to print or email the full record, or results can be marked and emailed as a batch. The option to further refine your search is also available.

The other sections of the service relate to: information about the database; links to Frequently Asked Questions; a tutorial providing information about EBP, systematic reviews and RCTs; acknowledgements of organisations that have assisted with the database; contact details and links to other Evidence-based websites and services.

Overall, the service looks to provide useful and good quality information for occupational therapists and will add to the resources such as PEDro, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews and DARE that already provide access to appraised and evaluated studies.

NeLH News

<http://www.nelh.nhs.uk>

NeLH Awareness Week

Visits to the NeLH shot up by more than a third in October 2003 with over 200,000 visits to the site, compared with 150,000 in September.

A rise in visitors is set to continue as NeLH held its second annual awareness week between 24 and 30 November. The purpose of the week was to help

health professionals and managers get the most out of health digital libraries. Throughout awareness week, NeLH offered free on the spot training via ten-minute phone-in learning sessions, to give health professionals a 'quick-start' and help them get the most out of the site's extensive information resources. In addition, over a hundred events took place across the country including drop-in sessions, open days and local face to face training.

Also, throughout the next 6 months on the second Thursday of every month NeLH will be hosting evidence based practice lectures chaired by Professor Paul Glasziou. For more information, go to:
<http://www.nelh.nhs.uk/awareness/pils.asp>

Cardiovascular Diseases Specialist Library

<http://rms.nelh.nhs.uk/cardiovascular/>

On 24 November 2003, NeLH launched the Cardiovascular Diseases specialist library. This library brings together key information on cardiovascular diseases to help provide better care using the most up to date information. Although aimed primarily at clinical staff, the information is also available to patients and the public.

Health management Homepage

<http://rms.nelh.nhs.uk/healthmanagement/>

The Health management specialist library launched its new look site on 24 November 2003. The site aims to provide timely and efficient access to high quality information resources for health managers, clinical managers and leaders and those involved in commissioning health services. The criteria used for evaluating the resources listed on the site are also used by the BIOME web Gateway service.

Other News

National Support for PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Services)

National PALS, the new secretariat for the National PALS Development Group (NPDG) is now established at the Centre for Health Information Quality (CHIQ), part of the Help for Health Trust (HfHT).

NPDG provides help and support to new and existing PALS through a networking approach. It also acts as an advisory group for the Department of Health and other key organisations linked with patient and public involvement.

National PALS will be open during normal office hours, Monday to Friday and is available to all PALS staff. National PALS will help the NPDG to deliver a comprehensive work programme over the coming months and has immediate responsibilities for:

- Establishing a focal point of contact for all PALS staff
- Producing a national directory of PALS services.

National PALS can be contacted as follows:

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