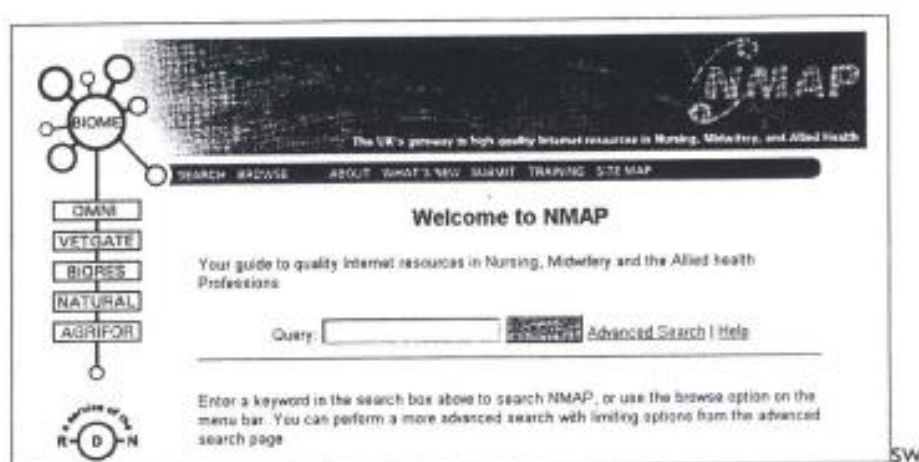


NMAP News

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NMAP The UK's gateway to high quality Internet resources for nurses, midwives and allied professions continues to grow. There are now over 1000 records in the database and any search or browse is backed up by over 5000 records from OMNI.

Nicola Hare has now taken up her post as a full time service officer, within the BIOME team, to help increase the number of records in NMAP. Her post is a product of the collaboration between NMAP and the NeLH professional portals, and is part funded by Higher Education and part by the NHS.

Current usage of the service is running at over 100,000 pages of information served each month. We are busy evaluating user views of

the service, in conjunction with the Information Science department of Loughborough University, and over 500 users completed our online questionnaire during November, they will all be entered for the prize draw and stand a chance of winning textbooks and journal subscriptions from well known health publishers. The evaluation will include, during 2002, assessments of the user interface and data structures underlying the browse and search functions.

Work during 2002 will also include the development of 2 tutorials for the Virtual Training Suite, based on Internet Medic, one focussed on Nursing and Midwifery and the other on Allied Health Professions.

Please continue to encourage your users to explore what NMAP has to offer and let us have any feedback. In particular if you know of good quality Internet resources relevant to the professions, which are not already in the database, please use the submit function on the site, to let us know about them.

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