

Future LfN Events

The next LfN Event will take place on 14 November, at Leeds University and will be held jointly with IFMH (Information for the Management of Healthcare) on the broad theme of Information Literacy. More information will be posted on the lis-nursing mailing list at a later date or can be obtained from: Kathy Cook: kcook@health-homerton.ac.uk

LfN: Reflection of our users' needs

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Back in 2002 the Health Libraries Group (HLG) special interest group of CILIP undertook a membership survey. This included a section (section 7) on the two sub groups of HLG) – Information for the Management of Healthcare (IfMH), and Libraries for Nursing (LfN).

While the response rate was not high (404 out of 2,100), the LfN committee thought it would be useful if we looked at these results and let you know what we have tried to do in response to the comments, before possibly undertaking any further survey. Despite the small response the survey did give some us useful data and comments with which to move forward.

The survey was split into sections and asked a variety of questions, relating to the Bulletin, website and study days. Some required grading on a sliding scale where 1 was poor and 5 was excellent, and some asked for free text comments.

Bulletin...

Most responses rated the Bulletin as good and it was seen as useful by those who work with nurses.

- Free text comments covered a variety of aspects from the text size and layout, to the content. We have recently increased the font size so hopefully readers will find this helpful.
- We now publish the bulletin regularly four times a year – (April, June, September and December).
- Another comment suggested the inclusion of information relevant to allied health professions. Following the closure of INFAH (Information for Allied Health) in 2003, which was also a sub-group of HLG, we were given a donation of money which we have been using as part of our widening remit to include allied health. Later this year we aim to have an issue of the Bulletin specifically relating to allied health information issues and resources.
- We are also going to introduce a current literature column of topical, current and relevant information (articles, books, websites, reports, documents etc.).

We always welcome contributions, long or short, whether this takes the form of an article, report, or book / website /database review to an item for our list of current literature. If you would like to publish in the Bulletin then please contact our Bulletin editor, Jenny.Drury@nottingham.ac.uk

Website...

Responses about the LfN website concentrated on the content, but mainly from a relevancy angle, and on the currency of the material. You will now see that our marketing and website representative, Sarah Greenley, updates the website as regularly as possible. It is an area that we hope to develop in the future. Remember our website can be found at:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/hlg/lfn/index.html>

Study days...

Most respondents rated study days as good or excellent which is encouraging.

- We try to make our study days relevant to the fields of nursing, midwifery, health visiting and increasingly allied health and also to take up the suggestions we have from the evaluation forms filled out by attendees.
- We have also noted the suggestions from the HLG survey and have tried to cover some of these. For example, we have run study days covering issues relating to access to information and libraries for nurses and also resources for nurses, which were two topics suggested in the survey.
- We always try to cover topics relevant and useful to both our members and interested non-members, but it is not always possible to cover all suggestions, especially immediately in the following year.
- We usually run two main study days in spring and autumn and occasionally a joint event with HLG. In Northern Ireland our representative, Maureen Dwyer works with colleagues across sectors to deliver training events useful to people locally.
- We are also aiming to spread our events out geographically, in response to feedback from members. Our recent May study day was held at the RCN in Cardiff and we are thinking about holding a study day in Scotland during 2006.

If you do have any suggestions about our study days then please contact our study day organiser, kcook@health-homerton.ac.uk

Our mailing list...

We have a Jiscmail mailing list called lis-nursing

This is your mailing list, please do use it!

To join lis-nursing send an email (plain text) to jiscmail@jiscmail.ac.uk with the wording 'subscribe lis-nursing'

Archives can be found at:

<http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/LIS-NURSING.html>

What we did in 2004...

If you would like further details of recent LfN activity then please see our Annual Report for 2004 which can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/hlg/lfn/Annual%20report%202004%20LfN%20v2.pdf>

(Alternatively please follow the link from our website).

And remember ...

LfN is your group and the committee are here to support you, our members. We want to move forward and provide the information that you want from LfN, so please **contact the committee** and let us know what you want us to do, how we can support you, and share with us any ideas you would like us to take forward.

Contact myself or any member of the LfN committee. Our contact email addresses can be found at:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/hlg/lfn/committee.html>