

### Statistics

The usage of NeLH is continuing to rise and now has 54,000 users a month. The most popular resources are the NeLH's search engine, Anatomy TV, The Cochrane Library, Clinical Evidence and the Guidelines Finder.

### Training

A series of events are being arranged for trainers and librarians to be able to access detailed training of the major NeLH resources. Details of these training events will be released in March on [www.nelh.nhs.uk/librarian](http://www.nelh.nhs.uk/librarian)

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## The Electronic Library for Social Care

<http://www.elsc.org.uk>

The eLSC has been produced by the Social Care Institute for Excellence to disseminate knowledge and improve social care practice.

The aim of the site is to enable social care practitioners and managers to:

- Have access to the best available research
- Learn the skills needed to understand and critically appraise research
- Have the tools to ensure that practice is based on solid evidence

In addition, it is hoped that the site will enable users of social services and carers to

- Promote their knowledge and expertise
- Provide information of use to them

The NeLH and eLSC have completed a six-month project to 'join up' knowledge in health and social care.

The site consists of six main areas as follows:


## Practice Guidance and Standards


The Practice Guidance and Standards database provides extended abstracts and in some cases full-text access to key research guidance and best practice in social care. The intention is to assist those planning, delivering and monitoring services to ensure that practice is based on the best available evidence.

## SCIE Best Practice Guidelines


Similarly, the Best Practice Guidelines provides links to tested best practice guides. So far, there are guides for Managing Practice and Assessing the Mental Health needs of older people, but it is envisaged that more guides will appear. There is also the facility to feedback on the guides.


## CareData


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The site provides access to the database CareData which provides abstracts and some full-text access to the social care literature. Currently, there are over 50,000 summaries of books, central and local government reports, research papers, publications of voluntary organisations and journals. The database can be searched by author, title, keywords, publisher, journal, abstract and can be limited by year and publication type. Browsing by keyword is also available. Full-text access is provided where available but there is also some useful information on different ways of obtaining the full-text of material found on the database.

### Social Care Resources

This section provides links to databases, journals, research networks, evidence-based resources and links to local authority websites

### Skills building

The aim of the skills building section is to enable users to make use of the material on eLSC and turn evidence into social care practice change. A number of online tutorials are available, including an Internet Social Work Tutorial produced by the RDN as one of their Virtual Training Suites. A research mindedness tutorial is also available outlining how to use research to inform practice.





### **Users and carers**

The final section aims to promote the knowledge and expertise of service users and carers. This section provides links to relevant databases, publications and websites from the point of view of users and carers.

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### **Committee News**

LfN has received a donation of money following the closure of the INFAH (Information for Allied Health) sub-group of Health Libraries Group, which will be used to support allied health projects. In 2003 a number of free places for LfN events will be available to former INFAH members. The events will be of interest to allied health information professionals. LfN would like to thank INFAH and Health Libraries Group for this donation.

The Committee would also like to thank Sue Holloway for all her work on the LfN Committee. Sue has left the Committee to take up a new job as Engineering Librarian at University College London. Sue has been a member of LfN for many years and has most recently acted as Membership Secretary. The Committee would like to thank Sue for all her work and wish her well in her new job.