

THE RCN LIBRARIES A WELSH AND SCOTTISH PERSPECTIVE:

RCN WALES ANGELA PERRET

The RCN's Library Service in Wales has been expanded with the appointment last November of Librarian and Information Services Manager, Angela Perrett.

The range of services now provided include:

- Literature searching, databases available are British Nursing Index (BNI), CINAHL and the Cochrane Library
- Training sessions in literature searching and internet access
- Enquiry service
- Photocopying service - from the library's stock, journal articles not held by the library can be obtained from other libraries
- Small book, journal and video collections
- Update videos for CPD/PREP
- Guide to useful web pages for nursing

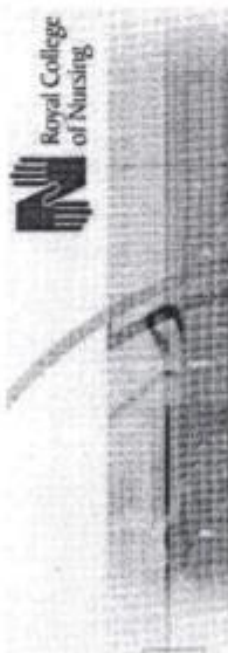
Angela is based at Ty Maeth, available from Monday to Friday, from 9 until 5. Clerical support is provided by Deborah Sadler, who works afternoons from 1 until 5, also based at Ty Maeth.

The library is open for RCN members. There may be times when the library will be not be staffed, as there are only two of us. Members are able to borrow books and videos by post and Angela is happy to help nurses by telephone, fax, e-mail or post if access to Ty Maeth is difficult.

The library service is part of the RCN's UK-wide library service and has back-up from the UK library based in London, the leading nursing library in Europe. RCN members in Wales are still entitled to a full service from the UK library.

Future plans for the library service include extending electronic access to library services, mainly by developing web pages and researching into the information needs of nurses in Wales.

Angela's background is mainly in health library services. Before qualifying in London, she was a library trainee at St. George's Hospital Medical Library, many decades ago when it was still partly at



Hyde Park Corner!!! She has since worked for Bristol Poly, Severn Trust in Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire Health Authority. In 1996 she gained a masters degree in Health Information Management at Aberystwyth, finishing her dissertation only minutes before flying off to Australia for a six-month job exchange, where she was Nursing Liaison Librarian for the University of South Australia, Adelaide.

Deborah has worked for the RCN in Cardiff since 1989 and has been providing clerical support for the library service for the last four years, previous to this she was full-time Personal Assistant to a Professional Officer.

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RCN SCOTLAND LIBRARY: THE FIRST EIGHTEEN MONTHS ENID FORSYTH

As part of the developments of the UK-wide RCN Library and Information Services this new library is being developed to support the membership in Scotland. It is incredibly exciting to develop a library service from scratch. So many opportunities to develop a service for the 21st Century unhampered by old stock and inherited practices.

Membership has been information hungry from day one and our local motto quickly became "... Aiming Towards Nurses Becoming Information Rich." Many of our enquiries and requests come from members working in the community, general practice and in the private sector. This is not surprising as these nurses generally have less easy access to local health libraries. The private sector includes people working in nursing homes, industry and local authorities and their needs vary from finding information on oral hygiene in the elderly to industrial injuries and exposure to chemicals in the workplace.

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