

## **Nursing and Midwifery Core Collection – New edition is underway**

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The Nursing and Midwifery Core Collection, edited in part by LfN and published by Tomlinsons, is a valuable asset to librarians creating or updating a collection in nursing and midwifery. A new, 4th edition is being planned which will be made available in the new year.

The new methodology for the creation of the core list will draw upon the expertise of a wide range of librarians. Instead of a small group of librarians populating and deciding the core list, as was the case in the previous editions, nursing librarians from across the UK will be invited to participate by suggesting titles for inclusion, as well as commenting on existing titles. The previous edition's titles have been sent to Tomlinsons to update with any current editions. This updated list will be added to LibraryThing.com. Once the list appears in LibraryThing, an email will be sent out on the LfN listserv with the username and password for the Nursing Core Collection. Instructions will be included on how to add a new title to the list, or make a comment on a title already available.

The scope of the collection should be considered when adding or commenting on a title. The target audience is UK health libraries across all sectors. Books only are only being considered at this time, with the level of readership being relevant to undergraduate, postgraduate and working health professionals. The date of publication should be in the current 5 years; however some older titles may be added with a clear justification written in the comments section.

The consultation period will take place November-December 2009. After the collection has been populated, a small group of representatives from LfN, RCN, NHS and HE will decided upon the core list and forward this to Tomlinsons for publication. The final publication will be made available in paper; however I am thrilled to announce that this edition will also be available electronically through a website hosted by Tomlinsons.