Chemotherapy, Cakes, and Cancer
Megan Blunt, a 14 year old, has written a useful booklet about life in hospital for young cancer patients. It may be freely downloaded & disseminated. It is illustrated by her friend’s father, Chris Burke. (from BBC news item 06/03/07)
http://www.clicsargent.org.uk/Publicationsandresources/CLICSargentpublications

NICE guidelines: obesity
In December 2006 the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) issued the first ever national guideline addressing both the prevention & treatment of obesity in adults & children

NICE guidance: pregnancy associated mental health disorders
-NICE issues guidance to help detect and treat women with antenatal and postnatal mental health disorders

NICE guidance: sexually transmitted infections
Guidance calls for more to be done to halt the rise of sexually transmitted infections and prevent under 18 conceptions

New Cochrane reviews
A list of all the full systematic reviews and protocols added to the Cochrane Library in January 2007 can be viewed here. These include: Dietary interventions for multiple sclerosis, Exercise for acutely hospitalised older medical patients and Fetal movement counting for assessment of fetal wellbeing.
To view the full text reviews please visit the Cochrane Library.
Warning over 'nursing standards'
Standards of care are under threat from under-qualified nurses and health workers, experts say. Two leading nurse academics told the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine this week that NHS care would be better if more nurses had degrees. At the moment just 4% of nurses have degrees.

BBC News Report
RCN Response

Deaths linked to Clostridium difficile outstripping MRSA
According to the Office for National Statistics, from 2004 to 2005, deaths involving Clostridium difficile rose by 69%. In the same period, MRSA mentioned on death certificates increased by 39%.

BBC News Report
National Statistics web site

RCN survey
The Royal Colleges of Nursing and Midwifery and other partners are running a project to assess the need for web information at the point of care or place of work. As part of the project they have launched an online survey which will run from February to mid March. If you are a nursing or midwifery professional you are invited to complete the survey.

New publication covering social care services
The Department of Health has launched a publication for all staff in social care services working in the public, private, voluntary and the NHS sectors. The Social Care Bulletin aims to support staff in their roles, with concise explanations of the latest policy news and initiatives and case studies of successful practice, and links to further information and support. Download The Social Care Bulletin (PDF 666K).

UK PubMed Central
Are you aware that UK PubMed Central (UKPMC) is now live. It provides a stable, permanent, and free-to-access online digital archive of full-text, peer-reviewed research publications. It also provides a manuscript submission system (UKMSS) to enable researchers, funded by the UKPMC Funders Group, to deposit articles that have been accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. UKPMC searches still link to the US PubMed.

Pilot Learning Disabilities Clinical Question Answering Service
The NLH Learning Disabilities Specialist Library is running a pilot clinical question answering service until the end of March. If you work in health or social care in England, and are having trouble finding the right information to answer your clinical questions, you can submit your question online. An answer will be emailed to you within 10 working days. You can find the form on the home page of the library: www.library.nhs.uk/learningdisabilities
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