National Library for Health

The National Library for Health (NLH) marks a new departure for NHS Knowledge Services. For the first time physical libraries and electronic resources will be fully integrated to provide seamless access to the best available evidence for all NHS staff wherever and whenever it is needed.

Journal holdings of local libraries are being linked to national databases and there is now greater scope for personalization of services.

The NLH web site (http://www.library.nhs.uk/) contains a wealth of information for all NHS staff. Key features include:

- Guidelines Finder. This brings together links to over 2000 full text guidelines from a variety of national agencies.
- Cochrane Library. This consists of systematic reviews and information about systematic reviews on the effectiveness of health care interventions.
- British National Formulary. This provides authoritative and practical information about the selection and clinical use of medicines.

The NLH also contains a range of specialist libraries tailored to the needs of specific staff groups or NSF targets. For example, the specialist library for mental health (http://libraries.nelh.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/) provides:

- Links to guidance and evidence based reviews.
- Links to key publications and best practice articles from organizations such as the Department of Health.
- Information for service users from UK charities.
The Cochrane Library: What’s New?

January saw the release of issue one (2007) of the Cochrane Library. It includes 104 new systematic reviews, 46 updated systematic reviews and 115 new protocols. The latest reviews address topics such as: interventions to reduce weight gain in schizophrenia, non-pharmacological interventions for wandering of people with dementia in the domestic setting and psychological therapies for generalised anxiety disorder.

The full text of all systematic reviews carried out by the Cochrane Collaboration is available from: http://www.thecochranelibrary.com/

Mental Health Update

Mental Health Update is an alerting service provided by the Bethlem Library. It provides easy to understand summaries of research articles, the latest information from the Department of Health and news stories from specialist journals. Recent topics have included: the treatment of PTSD, the impact of early maladaptive schemas in children and mental health and spirituality. The full text of all items is available using your KA24 (Athens) password or from your local health care library.

To find out more about Mental Health Update go to: http://mentalhealthupdate.blogspot.com

National Personality Disorder (PD) Web Site

The Care Services Improvement Partnership, the Department of Health and the Home Office have launched the National Personality Disorder (PD) website. It is the first dedicated website to provide information, resources and learning opportunities on personality disorder and supports the development of the National PD Programme. The site is aimed at all those interested in personality disorder, including multi-agency professionals, commissioners, service users, carers and the general public.

To have a look at the web site go to: http://www.personalitydisorder.org.uk
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DEMENTIA


DEPRESSION


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FAMILY THERAPY

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MENTAL HEALTH


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**MENTAL HEALTH, older adults**


**MENTAL HEALTH, promotion**


**MENTAL HEALTH, services**


**NURSE PRESCRIBING**


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