Current Awareness List for January 2004

03/02/2004

To: Current Awareness

Subject: ADOLESCENCE CHILDREN FAMILY SOCIAL POLICY

Donovan, Tristan
The policy behind the paper
Journal Title: Young People Now
2004 JAN 7 (216): 9 - 9
Interview with Tom Jeffery, head of the Department for Education and Skills, Children, Young People and Families Directorate, who talks about the implementation of proposals in the green paper 'Every Child Matters'

Subject: ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE & THERAPIES NURSE PRACTITIONERS WOUND HEALING

BOOTH S
Are honey and sugar paste alternatives to topical antiseptics?
Journal Title: Journal of Wound Care
2004 JAN 13 (1): 31 - 33
Literature review shows that "in vitro" studies demonstrate significant antibacterial effects which can also be seen clinically and recommends a well-constructed trial for validation.

Subject: ARTHRITIS PAIN MEDICINES

Tighe Karen
Opioids and rheumatoid arthritis
Journal Title: Practice Nurse
2003 DEC 19th 26 (10): 42 - 44
Examines ways to assess pain in patients with rheumatioid arthritis and explores opioids as a treatment option

Subject: ASTHMA RESPIRATORY TRACT DISEASES

Bryan Jenny
Conference Report - simplifying asthma treatment regimens aids patient adherence
Journal Title: Practice Nurse
2003 NOV 28th 26 (9): 51 - 54
Simplicity is the key to asthma compliance as reported from the ATS annual conference in Seattle

Subject: ATTENTION DISORDERS INTERPROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Kearney Shauna
Filtering Process
Journal Title: Young Minds
2004 JAN (68): 24 - 25
Describes how a multidisciplinary approach to assessing ADHD can help families and professionals deal with this difficult diagnosis.

**Subject: ATTITUDE TO HEALTH HEALTH VISITING HEALTH PROMOTION**

Barberia, Maria  
Canga, Navidad  
Health-related beliefs and behaviours of health visitors in Scotland  
**Journal Title:** British Journal of Community Nursing  
2004 JAN 9 (1): 11 - 17  
Study sought to gain a description of, and to identify an association between, health beliefs and health-related behaviours among a sample of Scottish health visitors, and the influence on health promotion activities.

**Subject: AUTISM ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE & THERAPIES**

Stacey Patricia  
Great Expectations  
**Journal Title:** Young Minds  
2004 JAN (68): 16 - 18  
A new book describes how a mother embraced the latest brain research and alternative therapies to help her son overcome autism. Article outlines her family's extraordinary journey.

**Subject: BODY IMAGE EATING DISORDERS MENS HEALTH**

Neustatter Angela  
Changing Shapes  
**Journal Title:** Young Minds  
2004 JAN (68): 10 - 11  
As thousands start their New Year diets and fit-for-the-beach campaigns. Article looks at the growing problem of boys and body image.

**Subject: BREAST SURGERY**

HALL Angela  
Understanding the benefits and risks of breast augmentation  
**Journal Title:** Nursing Times  
2004 JAN 13 100 (2): 30 - 32  
Covers the information which nurses could provide to ensure that patients understand the risks - includes information about the National Implant Registry.

**Subject: CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES PRIMARY HEALTH CARE**

Murray Ellen  
Anticoagulation management in primary care  
**Journal Title:** Practice Nurse  
2003 NOV 14th 26 (8): 34 - 43  
The demand for self-testing and self-management from patients on anticoagulation therapy is set to increase. Article looks at the various models that have been established for the management of these patients in primary care.
Subject:  CARERS DISABILITY CONTINENCE

FORBAT Liz
Listening to carers talking about the subjects of continence and toileting
Journal Title:  Nursing Times
2004  JAN 13  100 ( 2 ): 46 - 49
Given the opportunity, carers have much to say about toileting. Forbat explains how
this information should alert professionals to carers difficulties and their need for
support.

SMITH C; SNELGROVE S; ARMSTRONG-ESTHER CA; CLARK J
Is there a future for the informal homecare of older people in a changing society?
Journal Title:  Quality in Ageing
2003  APR    4 ( 1 ): 12 - 21
Study used a survey questionnaire to examine attitudes of members of the public
towards informal care of the elderly and to determine whether there was a
difference in attitude between men and women and found a greater willingness by
women to undertake care.

Subject:  CHILD HEALTH SERVICES SCREENING CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Hall, David
Bedford, Helen
Health surveillance in childhood: a debate
Journal Title:  Journal of Family Health Care
2003     13 ( 6 ): 147 - 149
Authors discuss the reasoning behind the new Health for all Children
recomendations, screening and routine assessment of length/height and weight
from an early age

Subject:  CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE HEALTH ECONOMICS

Corby, Brian
Therapy - Putting a price on health
Journal Title:  Community Care
2004  JAN 15    ( 1505 ): 34 - 35
Discusses the perils of the search for cost-effectiveness in providing therapy for a
group of children who have been sexually abused

Subject:  CHILDREN DEPRESSION MEDICINES

LEASON Katie
Pop the pills away
Journal Title:  Community Care
2004  JAN 22    ( 1506 ): 32 - 33
The use in children of SSRI's, a class of antidepressants, has been restricted
leaving Prozac as the only one for the under 18's. Article looks at the options and
questions whether the risks outweigh the benefits.

Subject:  CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME HEALTH SERVICES

Royal, Sue
Wiped out
Journal Title: Public Health News
2004 JAN 19 ( ): 8 - 10
Looks at how things are starting to change for ME sufferers as knowledge and understanding increases, despite some remaining prejudice, and how specialist ME services are helping those with chronic fatigue syndrome

Subject: COMMUNICATION SKILLS WOUND HEALING PATIENT INFORMATION QUALITY CARE

Goode Mary Louise
Communication barriers when managing a patient with a wound
Journal Title: British Journal of Nursing
2004 JAN 8th 13 ( 1 ): 49 - 52
Discusses the methods used by a community nurse when considering some of the problems that presented as a result of communication difficulties with a patient

FILOCHOWSKI Jan
Tell it like it is
Journal Title: Health Service Journal
2004 JAN 22 ( 5889 ): 30 - 31
Filocowski, a CE credited with improving 2 poorly performing NHS trusts, argues that a renewed emphasis on honesty and sharing information can help in a turnaround.

GRANT Carol
What works
Journal Title: Health Service Journal
2004 JAN 22 ( 5889 ): 31 - 31
Communications strategy for dealing with change

McCULLOCH Pauline
The patient experience of receiving bad news from health professionals
Journal Title: Professional Nurse
2004 JAN 19 ( 5 ): 276 - 280
Despite many positive experiences, problems arose in relation to the setting where the news is delivered and aspects of non-verbal communication

Subject: COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING CANCER NURSING PROCEDURES MEDICINES

Gavin, Noel et al
Cytotoxic chemotherapy in the home: a study of community nurses’ attitudes and concerns
Journal Title: British Journal of Community Nursing
2004 JAN 9 ( 1 ): 18 - 24
Study among community nurses reveals the incremental nature of the development of policy and practice, the general acceptance that change in community practice is inevitable and welcome where it enhances the care of patients, and a level of concern about the availability of appropriate resources and structures necessary for safe and effective practice

Cooper, Caroline
Depledge, Jane
Cytotoxic chemotherapy: what do community nurses need to know

**Journal Title:** British Journal of Community Nursing
**2004 JAN 9 (1): 26 - 32**
Explores key areas that enable community staff to care for and support patients through the course of their treatment and allows them to begin identifying an operational structure that promotes a quality service

Hanvey, Chris
Health - Room to breathe
**Journal Title:** Community Care
**2004 JAN 15 (1505): 36 - 36**
Argues that children with respiratory problems should not be condemned to lives on machines in hospital wards, but that the home care option should be explored

**Subject:** CONSENT PATIENTS ELDERLY MEDICINES

Dimond Bridgit
Medicinal products and consent to treatment by the older person
**Journal Title:** British Journal of Nursing
**2004 JAN 8th 13 (1): 41 - 43**
Considers the law in relation to consent to treatment by the older person

**Subject:** CONTINENCE WOMENS HEALTH

Haslam Jeanette
Nursing management of stress urinary incontinence in women
**Journal Title:** British Journal of Nursing
**2004 JAN 8th 13 (1): 32 - 39**
Discusses the need for nurses to understand stress urinary incontinence and the various treatment options available.

Flynn, Deborah
Advancing care and clinical practice
**Journal Title:** Journal of Community Nursing
**2004 JAN 18 (1): 20 - 24**
Gives an overview of a project designed to increase people in care homes access to continence services

HASLAM Jeanette
Current treatments for patients with stress urinary incontinence
**Journal Title:** Nursing Times
**2004 JAN 13 100 (2): 50 - 51**
Describes the current treatments, nurse prescribing and new developments in drug therapy

PELLOWE Carol; PRATT Robert
Catheter-associated urinary tract infections: primary care guidelines
**Journal Title:** Nursing Times
**2004 JAN 13 100 (2): 53 - 55**
Discusses NICE guidelines and the evidence for the key recommendations.

CHIVERS M; BROADBRIDGE DN; JARVIS C; ORCHARD K
The development of an accredited bowel-management course
Following misconduct cases RCN has produced guidelines for digital rectal examination and manual removal of faeces. Article describes a course that delivers clinical competence in providing patient-centred care.

**Subject: CONTRACEPTION SEXUAL HEALTH**  
Learning to Support Practice - Part 13: Contraception and sexual health  
**Journal Title: Practice Nurse**  
2003 NOV 14th  26 (8): 71 - 76  
Emergency contraception - opportunities and challenges

Hughes Liz  
A new birth control option for women  
**Journal Title: Practice Nurse**  
A once-weekly combined hormonal contraceptive patch is now available for women in the UK. Article considers the choices.

**Subject: CORONARY HEART DISEASE ETHNIC GROUPS**  
WALKER ARP; WALKER BF; SEGAL I  
Some puzzling situations in the onset, occurrence and future of CHD in developed and developing populations, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa  
**Journal Title: Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health**  
2004 JAN  124 (1): 40 - 46  
South African study found that despite westernisation CHD is low, except for the Indian ethnic group (it is also higher for this group in the UK) whereas in India, rates have risen considerably in urban dwellers.

**Subject: DIABETES DIET NUTRITION**  
Drummond, Sandra  
Nutrition and diabetes  
**Journal Title: Journal of Community Nursing**  
2004 JAN  18 (1): 4 - 6  
Explores the mysteries of the diabetic diet

Banham S  
Management of dyslipidaemia in type 2 diabetes  
**Journal Title: Practice Nurse**  
2003 DEC 19th  26 (10): 37 - 41  
Explains why nurse-led diabetes clinics are ideal for monitoring and managing lipid levels.

**Subject: DIET NUTRITION PRACTICE NURSING**  
Steer Toni  
The Atkins Diet  
**Journal Title: Practice Nurse**  
2003 NOV 28th  26 (9): 44 - 47  
Apparent endorsements by glamorous celebrities have boosted the popularity of
this high protein, low carbohydrate diet. Article looks at the evidence to establish what advice practice nurses can give to patients

**Subject:** DISABILITY CONTINENCE

COGGRAVE Maureen
Managing bowel function is vital
**Journal Title:** Nursing Times
2004 JAN 13 100 (2): 45 - 45
After spinal cord injury, movement through the bowel is slower resulting in constipation which has to be managed in order to maintain quality of life

**Subject:** DRUG DEPENDENCE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Griffiths, Ronno et al
Drugs of abuse
**Journal Title:** Drug Link
2004 JAN 19 (1): 16 - 17
Authors unravel the complex relationship between childhood sexual trauma and substance misuse

**Subject:** EAR PRACTICE NURSING

Harkin H
Ear Care 2: Irrigation
**Journal Title:** Practice Nurse
2003 DEC 19th 26 (10): 21 - 26
Update on important basics in general practice nursing on Irrigation of the Ear

Harkin H
Ear examination and management
**Journal Title:** Practice Nurse
2003 NOV 28th 26 (9): 24 - 32
Update on important basics in general practice nursing on ear examination and management

**Subject:** EATING DISORDERS SOCIAL SERVICES HEALTH SERVICES

Graham, Gerry
Eating disorders - Not only in America
**Journal Title:** Community Care
2004 JAN 8 (1504): 34 - 35
Reports on how the US social care and health systems help people with eating disorders, and considers if there are any pointers that might help services in the UK

**Subject:** ELDERLY DISCHARGE PLANNING SOCIAL SERVICES

VALIOS Natalie
Bed-blocking. What's the deal?
**Journal Title:** Community Care
2004 JAN 22 (1506): 28 - 30
Questions whether delayed discharge fines have improved collaboration of health
and social services and whether it is of benefit to older people

Lewis, Carol
Clinical management - Ever ready
**Journal Title:** Health Service Journal
2004 JAN 8  114 ( 5887 ): 26 - 27
Explains a model of care for elderly people, being piloted by 10 PCTs, which has helped nurse practitioners cut admissions and prescriptions through improved risk management, and is being well received

LAVELLE Mike
Pain management and the older person: Older people feel pain too
**Journal Title:** Quality in Ageing

Subject: **EMPLOYMENT (incl. Unemployment) NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE TRAINING**

ARNOLD John
Cut to the chase
**Journal Title:** Health Service Journal
2004 JAN 22  ( 5889 ): 36 - 37
Perception of the NHS as a poor employer may be to blame for recruitment problems as much as a lack of qualified people

Subject: **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**

Gilliver, David
In the vanguard
**Journal Title:** Public Health News
2004 JAN 19  (): 12 - 14
Discusses, with an assistant director of public health, who is one of the first environmental health professionals to move from local government to the NHS, how the boundaries between public health and environmental health are moving, and the agenda changing

Subject: **ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ASTHMA CHILDREN**

ZMIROU D; GAUVIN S; PIN I et al
Traffic related air pollution and incidence of childhood asthma: results of the Vesta case-controlled study
**Journal Title:** Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health
2004 JAN  58 ( 1 ): 18 - 23
The Vesta project aimed to assess the effect of transport related pollution on childhood asthma over 3 years in 5 French cities and suggests that it contributes to the rise in asthma prevalence

JERRETT M; BURNETT RT; BROOK J et al
Do socioeconomic characteristics modify the short term association between air pollution and mortality? Evidence from a zonal time series in Hamilton, Canada
**Journal Title:** Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health
2004 JAN  58 ( 1 ): 31 - 40
Study shows increased mortality with air pollution in zones with lower socioeconomic characteristics with lower education and high manufacturing employment significantly increasing mortality.

Subject: **EXERCISE AND SPORT ELDERLY HEALTH PROMOTION**

STATHI Aphrodite; McKENNA James; FOX Kenneth R
The experiences of older people participating in exercise referral schemes
**Journal Title:** Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health 2004 JAN 124 (1): 18 - 23
Candidates from 3 referral schemes in SW England were studied (their success was found to be related to support from practitioners and the attractiveness of the exercise content) and the best outcome was achieved where the needs and preferences of participants were taken into consideration.

SYKES Kevin; CHOO Lau Leong; COTTERRELL Mary
Accumulating aerobic exercise for effective weight control
**Journal Title:** Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health 2004 JAN 124 (1): 24 - 28
Study found that moderate aerobic exercise was effective in reducing weight, waist circumference and body fat percentage whilst maintaining lean body mass in moderately overweight females regardless of whether it was 5 short bouts or 2 longer bouts a week.

Subject: **FAMILY PRACTICE PATIENT INFORMATION QUALITY CARE**

Lockyer, Matthew
Good communication with patients depends on efficient systems
**Journal Title:** Guidelines in practice 2003 DEC 6 (12): 39 - 40
Considers how providing information for patients should enable GPs to claim maximum points within the new GP contract, but needs systems that comply with the indicators.

Subject: **HEALTH PROMOTION OBESITY ADOLESCENCE**

STUART SJH; GORELY T; MARSHALL SJ; MURDEY I; CAMERON N
Physical activity and sedentary behaviours in youth: Issues and controversies
**Journal Title:** Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health 2004 JAN 124 (1): 29 - 33
Project STIL (Sedentary Teenagers and Inactive Lifestyles) at Loughborough University found that video game playing and TV viewing was not correlated to physical activity, body fatness is not related to sedentary behaviour, the amount of TV viewing has not changed for 40 years and concluded that TV viewing is an inappropriate marker of inactivity.

Subject: **HOMELESS PERSONS FAMILY**

McLeod, Maurice
No fixed abode
**Journal Title:** Horizons 2003 DEC (27): 12 - 14
Looks at some of the statistics on homelessness and the initiatives to reduce homelessness which involves more than simply rough sleepers.
Subject: INFANT FEEDING (incl. Weaning) CHILD DEVELOPMENT NUTRITION

Lawson, Margaret
Health and fitness series - 6: Child health: how nutrition affects growth
Journal Title: Journal of Family Health Care
2003  13 ( 6 ): 151 - 154
Explains the important part that diet plays in a child's growth and subsequent health

Subject: INFECTION CONTROL

Castledine George
Will infection be reduced in the coming year?
Journal Title: British Journal of Nursing
2004  JAN 8th  13 ( 1 ): 59 -

TRIM Joanna  C
Raising awareness and reducing the risk of needlestick injuries
Journal Title: Professional Nurse
2004  JAN 19 ( 5 ): 259 - 264
Examines the literature to investigate why injuries occur, why staff do not always report them; and what can be done to overcome these problems

Subject: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTERNET EVIDENCE BASED HEALTH

Gerrish K
Sharing best practice: developing a web-based database
Journal Title: British Journal of Nursing
2004  JAN 8th  13 ( 1 ): 44 - 48
Reports on the development of a web-based interactive database that was designed to facilitate the dissemination of practice development, research and audit projects across a large NHS trust.

Subject: INTERMEDIATE CARE DISCHARGE PLANNING COMMUNITY CARE

Clews, Graham  et al
News focus - Bed blocking fines: payback time
Journal Title: Health Service Journal
2004  JAN 8  114 ( 5887 ): 12 - 15
Reports on the new legislation on community care, which comes into effect this week, and will enable acute trusts to charge local authority social service departments for each person who should be discharged from the acute sector, but for whom no alternative are package exists.

Subject: MEDICINES INFECTION CONTROL

BECKFORD-BALL Jason
Antibiotic resistance and the prescribing dilemma
Journal Title: Nursing Times
Discusses the issues of balancing appropriate medication while ensuring that the increase in resistance is minimised.

Subject: MENS HEALTH SEXUAL PROBLEMS
ALLEN Patricia; ROY Dr Jane
Erectile dysfunction counselling and advice
Journal Title: Practice Nurse
2004 JAN 16  27 ( 1 ): 47 - 50
Discusses the physical, psychological and emotional effects on patients and partners

Subject: MENTAL HEALTH ETHNIC GROUPS LAW
FOOLCHAND Madhan Kumar
Equal before the law?
Journal Title: Community Care
2004 JAN 22  ( 1506 ): 36 - 37
Foolchand, a lecturer at Univ of Wolverhampton, puts the case for addressing the concerns of ethnic minority groups in the revised draft mental health bill.

Hardcastle M
Stigma from mental illness in primary care
Journal Title: Practice Nurse
2003 DEC 19th  26 ( 10 ): 14 - 20
Explores how to overcome the stigma that may hinder patients’ quality of care

Subject: NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE RECORDS
MOORE Alison
Dual registration - Seeing double
Journal Title: Health Service Journal
2004 JAN 15  114 ( 5888 ): 10 - 11
Reports the concerns of primary care providers

McGAURAN Ann
PCT funding - Needs must
Journal Title: Health Service Journal
2004 JAN 15  114 ( 5888 ): 12 - 13
Shortfall in Blair’s back yard - Many of the PM's constituents are served by PCT's with huge shortfalls.

FORREST Emma
Clinical management - Destination unknown
Journal Title: Health Service Journal
2004 JAN 15  114 ( 5888 ): 26 - 27
Forrest visits a London GP co-operative that is exploring the new opportunities available to those providing out-of-hours care

Subject: NATIONAL SERVICE FRAMEWORK CHILDREN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
LEWIS Carol
Built to last
Journal Title: Health Service Journal
2004 JAN 22 ( 5889 ): 28 - 29
Report on Greater Manchester's children and young people's network's aim to pre-empt the forthcoming NSF for children by redefining its children's services

Subject: NURSE PRACTITIONERS WOUND HEALING
KITCHING Margaret
Patients' perceptions and experiences of larval therapy
Journal Title: Journal of Wound Care
Results suggest that although initially repulsive, it became acceptable after treatment had commenced with the nurse-patient relationship being the crucial factor.

Subject: NUTRITION DIABETES EVIDENCE BASED HEALTH
BUNN Emma
Guidelines for patients with diabetes
Journal Title: Practice Nurse
2004 JAN 16 ( 1 ): 39 - 45
Bunn, a diabetes care adviser at Diabetes UK, explores how evidence-based guidelines can help in the nutritional management of diabetic patients

Subject: OBESITY CHILDREN SCHOOLS
FOX Kenneth R
Childhood obesity and the role of physical activity
Journal Title: Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health
2004 JAN 124 ( 1 ): 34 - 39
Prof Fox (Bristol University) suggests that activities such as play, walking, cycling, and sport should be examined independently so that profiles of activity can be mapped and a solution involving school, home, and the neighbourhood could be found.

Strachan-Bennett S
New scheme tackles childhood obesity
Journal Title: Nursing Times
2004 JAN 13 100 ( 2 ): 6 -
The Traffic Light programme has been set up at Great Ormond Street Hospital to help overweight children change their eating habits with good results.

RUGG Katy
Childhood obesity
Journal Title: Nursing Times
2004 JAN 20 100 ( 3 ): 28 - 30
How to prevent an epidemic - covers its incidence, consequences and prevention

Subject: OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING
Fraser, Mayrine
A fracture liaison service for patients with osteoporotic fractures

**Journal Title:** Professional Nurse  
2004 JAN 19 (5): 286 - 290

Reports on a fracture liaison service, led by a specialist nurse, which has been set up in one trust to offer an assessment for osteoporosis to all men and women over 50 with new fractures

Subject: **PAIN NURSING PROCEDURES CLINICAL GUIDELINES**

Crouch, David
The nurses improving pain management  
**Journal Title:** Nursing Times  
2004 JAN 6 100 (1): 18 - 20

Reports on how nurses are providing effective and innovative pain management services for patients, despite the absence of a national service framework

MIDDLETON Carolyn
Barriers to the provision of effective pain management  
**Journal Title:** Nursing Times  
2004 JAN 20 100 (3): 42 - 45

Discusses barriers due to the patient, the nurse or the doctor, and tenets of good management of acute pain, including pain assessment tools and medication.

Subject: **PALLIATIVE CARE EMOTIONS COUNSELLING**

MacDonald Pat
Emotional care of the patient/family in terminal illness  
**Journal Title:** Practice Nurse  
2003 NOV 28th 26 (9): 15 - 19

Caring for a dying patient can be very demanding. Article explains how expressing empathy can help patients and their families but being aware of your own emotional needs in equally important

Subject: **PARTNERSHIP HEALTH PROMOTION PUBLIC HEALTH**

Thorp, Samantha
Business plan  
**Journal Title:** Public Health News  
2004 JAN 12 (): 8 - 9

Suggests that health professionals should put their cynicism aside and make concerted efforts to work with private businesses on health issues

Subject: **POST NATAL DEPRESSION PATIENT ASSESSMENT**

Murray, Lynne et al
Detection and treatment of postpartum depression  
**Journal Title:** Community Practitioner  
2004 JAN 77 (1): 13 - 17

Reports on study which investigated the detection and treatment of postnatal depression by GPs and health visitors

Silver, Lisa
Postnatal depression: an overview
Emphasises the importance of early recognition of postnatal depression, prompt treatment and ongoing support from the health visitor, and that mothers treated with medication should be assured that it is not a contraindicaton to breast feeding.

Subject: PREGNANCY OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH LAW

O'Callaghan, Kate
Maternity rights - A protected species

Highlights some of the practical steps employers can take to ensure they do not fall foul of the law, following the Government's demand for a major investigation into the way employers treat pregnant women.

Subject: PRIMARY HEALTH CARE HEALTH POLICY FAMILY PRACTICE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Bigger, Marina
Debating the gatekeeping role within primary care services

Looks at how the political context has extensively changed the face of primary health care over the last decade and presents arguments debating the maintenance of the gatekeeper function of primary care as it currently operates in the UK.

Subject: REFLECTION QUALITY CARE RESEARCH

Elliott, Malcolm
Reflective thinking: turning a criticial incident into a topic for research

Describes the reflective process used to generate a research project from a critical incident encountered in the clinical area.

Subject: REFUGEES LAW

Wahab Annita
Rights and Wrongs

Article looks at the controversial Asylum and Immigration Bill.

Subject: RESPIRATORY TRACT DISEASES NURSING PROCEDURES

Whyte, Alison
A new approach to respiratory care

Reports on a new team which is at the vanguard of improving care for patients with COPD.
Subject: SCREENING CHILD DEVELOPMENT
Bedford, Helen
Elliman, David
Hugman, Jenny
Screening in childhood
Journal Title: Community Practitioner
2004 JAN 77 (1): 7 - 9
First article of two focussing on screening in infancy and later childhood, considers
the general principles of screening and particular issues arising from screening
programmes in childhood

Subject: SKIN INFECTION CONTROL
NT Clinical facts
Erythema infectiosum
Journal Title: Nursing Times
2004 JAN 100 (2): 29 - 29
Covers definition, diagnosis, symptoms, transmission, complications, treatment,
prevention and websites

Sibley Gail
How my practice has changed
Journal Title: Practice Nurse
2003 NOV 14th 26 (8): 66 - 69
Gail Sibley explains how winning last year's Practice Nurse Award has improved
dermatology care in her practice

Subject: SLEEP PATIENT INFORMATION
SIGN notes for discussion with patients 14. Management of obstructive sleep
apnoea
Journal Title: Guidelines in practice
2003 DEC 6 (12): 50 - 51
Looks at the causes, symptoms and treatments of sleep apnoea, as part of a series
featuring information for patients and professionals taken from SIGN's evidence-
based guidelines

Subject: SMOKING HEALTH PROMOTION OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
Percival, Jennifer
Want to give up smoking? Self-help tips for professionals
Journal Title: Journal of Family Health Care
2003 13 (6): 165 - 167
Explains how health professionals can assess their own motivation and measure
their level of addiction. Also gives practical steps for getting off to a successful start

Shuttleworth, Ann
The role of nurses in reducing the use of tobacco
Journal Title: Nursing Times
2004 JAN 6 100 (1): 26 - 28
Focuses on the role that hospital-based nurses can play in encouraging patients to
give up smoking
Jones, Sinead
The need to protect children from second-hand tobacco smoke
*Journal Title:* Professional Nurse
Argues that legislation is needed to ban smoking in public places, in view of the fact that smoking has serious effects on health, particularly that of children

**Subject:** STRESS & ANXIETY ETHNIC GROUPS MENTAL HEALTH

Laungani, P.
Familial stress and obsessive-compulsive disorder: a cross-cultural case study
*Journal Title:* International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
Describes a cross-cultural study of a long-standing obsessive-compulsive disorder in a 17-year-old Muslim male living with his parents in the Middle East

Jenkins, Dinah
Palmer, Stephen
A review of stress coping and positive adjustment to the challenges of working in Antarctica
*Journal Title:* International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
2004 41 (4): 117 - 131
Focuses on key studies of psychological adaptation and adjustment to the isolated and confined environments of Antarctica and relates the findings to the constructs of the stress paradigm

**Subject:** STROKE CLINICAL GOVERNANCE FAMILY PRACTICE

Watson, Nigel
Clinical indicators for stroke and TIA set benchmark for care
*Journal Title:* Guidelines in practice
2003 DEC 6 (12): 34 - 38
Looks at the new GP contract's clinical indicators for stroke and TIA, which reflect good evidence-based practice

**Subject:** TEENAGE PREGNANCY CONTRACEPTION SEXUAL HEALTH

Learning to support practice - part 13: Contraception and sexual health
*Journal Title:* Practice Nurse
2003 NOV 28th 26 (9): 63 - 67
13b: Teenage pregnancy - prevention and intervention

**Subject:** TRAVEL IMMUNISATION DISEASES

Driver Carolyn
Advice on Malaria
*Journal Title:* Practice Nurse
2003 NOV 14th 26 (8): 54 - 65
Update on important basics in general practice nursing on Malaria

**Subject:** VIOLENCE GENDER
SUNDARAM V; HELWEG-LARSEN K; LAURSEN B; BJERREGAAR P
Physical violence, self rated health and morbidity: is gender significant for victimisation?
Journal Title: Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health
2004 JAN 58 ( 1 ): 65 - 70
Danish study using a questionnaire shows associations between physical violence and poor self rated health and morbidity were significant for women but not for men and concludes that violence prevention needs to be gender specific.

Subject: WOMENS HEALTH MENSTRUATION
Jarvis Sarah
Treatment options for menorrhagia
Journal Title: Practice Nurse
2003 NOV 28th 26 ( 9 ): 60 - 62
Discusses treatment options for menorrhagia

Subject: WOUND HEALING NURSING PROCEDURES
Hollinworth, Helen
Sharing the burden: the complex practice of wound care in the community
Journal Title: British Journal of Community Nursing
2004 JAN 9 ( 1 ): 5 - 10
Case study highlights some of the complex issues of wound care faced in the community, and reinforces the need for all health professionals to continuously update their knowledge and skills

POLIGNANO R; BONADEO P; GASBARRO S; ALLEGRA C
Randomised controlled study of four-layered compression vs Unna's Boot for venous ulcers
Journal Title: Journal of Wound Care
2004 JAN 13 ( 1 ): 21 - 24
Italian study compared healing rates and found that four-layered compression was as effective as Unna's Boot

Aseptic techniques in wound care
Journal Title: Practice Nurse
2003 NOV 28th 26 ( 9 ): 56 - 59
The Infection Control Nurses Association offers guidance on wound care techniques