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Free trial to point of care resources

During the months of February and March 2010 honni is running a trial to three key point of care resources. The three resources are **Dynamed**, **First Consult** and **BMJ Evidence** which enable you to obtain reliable clinical information quickly and in an accessible format. Up to Date is a similar resource and has been recommended to the library. Unfortunately Up to Date is extremely expensive to make available through honni and, at the moment, the suppliers are unwilling to provide a trial. The resources being trialed are some possible alternatives.

The library would value your feedback, so please go to the [honni News item](#) to access the resources and take a few moments to complete the [Online Feedback Form](#).

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New e-Journals available for 2010

A range of new electronic journals is now available to the current edition:

- Acta neuropathologica
- Calcified tissue international
- Cancer chemotherapy and pharmacology
- Diabetologia
- Dysphagia
- Lung
- World journal of surgery
- Journal of cancer survivorship
- Archives of virology
- European journal of clinical microbiology & infectious diseases
- European journal of clinical pharmacology
- European radiology
- Human genetics
- Intensive care medicine
- Brain structure & function
- Pflugers Archiv: European Journal of Physiology
- Quality of Life Research

To access these journals, log on to [honni e-Lib](#) and select **Find e-Journal**.

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Profile of the new Medical & Healthcare Librarian

Karen Latimer is a graduate of Edinburgh University and of Queen's University Belfast. She spent her early career at Durham University and as a library building consultant at the University of Houston in Texas before moving to Queen's University Belfast as Architecture & Planning Librarian. She has since held a number of posts at Queen's, including Faculty of Engineering Librarian and Agriculture & Food Science Librarian. She was delighted to accept the post of Medical & Healthcare Librarian in 2009.

Karen currently chairs both the UK Designing Libraries Steering Group and the International Federation of Library Associations Library Buildings & Equipment Standing Committee and has been involved in a number of selection panels and design competitions in recent years. Since taking up her current post she has been involved in a JISC-led project to look at procurement issues in universities and the health service.

Karen has published widely and presented papers all over the world on a range of library topics. She is an honorary member of the Royal Society of Ulster Architects and was awarded an OBE in 2007.



Although new to the world of medical and healthcare librarianship, she is looking forward to the challenge of working in such a complex, challenging and rewarding area – and she can claim to have bred a psychiatrist and a clinical psychologist (although the third child eschewed the caring professions and hopes to make his fortune instead!).



Can you receive emailed Articles at Work?

The new method of receiving articles by email, called FileOpen, has now been operating since the beginning of November 2009, and there have been few reports of problems with it.

Instead of using the complex and error-prone 'Digital Editions' software previously required, a simple plug-in is all that is needed to enable articles to be opened as PDF files. The document delivery service has been greatly enhanced by this development.

However, at the present time, some Trusts may not facilitate downloading and installing the required plug-in, so the library still recommends that home email addresses are used for this purpose.

You can check whether or not you are able to receive articles at work by following the instructions on the [Electronic Delivery](#) page of honni. If you are unable to install the plug-in and/or you are unable to open the test document, then you may wish to contact your local IT department to request this access, letting them know the requirements as given in [About FileOpen](#).

It is to be hoped that, if Trusts receive enough requests, then in time they may make the service available as standard, and it would no longer be necessary to use your home computing facilities to make use of the service.

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Step-by-step Guides to Searching

In response to feedback, a range of subject-based [Step-by-Step Guides](#) to basic searching on honni *e-Lib* has now been added to the Resource Guides section of honni. These are aimed at helping those who are unsure of how to use the system and should help them get started on carrying out useful searches in their subject area.

We are also working on production of a detailed manual which will provide step-by-step guidance to all aspects of honni *e-Lib*. It should be useful as a learning/training tool or simply for quick reference to parts of the system which may be unfamiliar. We expect the manual to be available within the next couple of months, at which time it will be added to the [Step-by-Step Guides](#) page and highlighted in [honni News](#).

We are interested to know how useful you find these documents, or if there are other types of information not included which would also be useful. To let us know please [comment on this item](#).



RefWorks for Queen's Graduates

RefWorks is a web-based bibliographic management service that allows you to create a personal database of references and compile instant bibliographies in a variety of styles.

Graduates of Queen's University Belfast are now entitled to have access to RefWorks through the RefWorks Alumni program. This means alumni of the University are able to have one free RefWorks account with 200MB of file attachment storage, and access to free web-based training and technical support. References can be transferred from an existing RefWorks account to one created under the Alumni program so you shouldn't lose any references after graduation. Access is through a Group Code and you will need this in order to get started.

Interested?

Contact the RefWorks Support Group (refworks-support@qub.ac.uk) for the Group Code and for further information on how to access this resource.

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