



Temporary Relocation of the Medical Library



The Medical Library will move temporarily on Wed 14th July 2010 while refurbishment and essential maintenance is carried out on the Mulhouse Building. The Library will be based, for approximately 12 weeks, in the Science Library, Queen's University Belfast at Chlorine Gardens, Belfast BT9 5EQ.

We will do all we can to minimise inconvenience to users. Books can be renewed via My Account, by phone or left at any of the Queen's University or Healthcare Libraries. There will also be book drops at the Royal Victoria Hospital in the Post Room in the lobby of the Clinical Sciences B building and in the Centre for Medical Education, 2nd Floor, Mulhouse Building. Most material will be available from the Science Library but anything in store will be collected daily. All email contact addresses will remain the same and you can also contact us by phone on 028 9097 4111 or by email: med.issue@qub.ac.uk.

Training & Support from Professional Library Staff

The Medical & Healthcare Library provides free access to high quality resources for health and social care staff in Northern Ireland. Just by [registering](#) with the library, HSC staff can access all the available resources and obtain training and support on how to find and use appropriate resources for individual professions or specific subjects.

For those of you who haven't used the library for some time or are thinking about joining for the first time, you can now request training and support online. A dedicated training and support page has been added to the honni website with information about the training and support available from professional library staff, and details of how to book a training session in a venue of your choice.

From large group sessions to one-to-one training; from an introduction to the library service to detailed literature searching; our team of subject librarians can tailor a training session for your needs. To book a session, just fill in and submit the online form on the [Training & Support](#) page. Of course, you may also request training and support by contacting the Library (028 9063 2504) or one of our specialist [Healthcare Librarians](#).

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Quality Information for the Busy Professional - A User Testimonial

"The information I need must be good quality and I usually need it yesterday.

"My work is a mixture of Practice Development and training. For both I need to ensure that any material I collate comes from reputable sources. When I use HONNI I am confident that any articles I have taken have been peer reviewed.

What I need from HONNI varies. Sometimes I require a short burst of information, like when I recently wanted to update my own understanding of a Hartman's procedure. Other times I need to critique a wide-range of literature, for example when I had to run a ventilation study day I collated over 15 years of articles to ensure I was able to deliver a thorough presentation.

Timeliness is paramount as in my role there are many competing demands. I can access HONNI anywhere as long as I remember my Username and Password. In the main I can download an article electronically, there and then. If I can't get an article an e-mail facility pops up allowing me to request it and in my experience it's sent within 2-3 days.

In summary HONNI is an excellent tool for the busy practitioner who wants to use good quality information. I am not an expert on HONNI and I still have a lot to learn to get the most out of it, but since I've been given some encouragement and signposts from the librarians Mary and Iris, I honestly couldn't do my job properly without it."

*Sheila Kinoulty
Clinical Educator
ICU
Antrim Hospital*



The McClay Library welcomes HSC users

In addition to any of the libraries which are part of the [Medical & Healthcare Library](#), HSC library members are also entitled to use the University's new, purpose-built library. The McClay Library, located beside Belfast's Botanic Gardens, is a modern building which brings together state of the art computing and study facilities, blending the best features of a traditional library with the latest technology.

You can bring your own wireless laptop and connect to our network, avail of the library's 'laptop for loan' service, or log on to one of the desktop PCs available. **Please note that you will need to bring your library card to gain entry.**

For further information about the services available visit [The McClay Library page](#) on the library website.

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Coming Soon....

Home page links to 'Resources by Profession'

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| Medicine | Resources for specific professions are currently accessed via the 'Electronic Resources' menu in honni. To find them it is necessary to click on 'Electronic Resources', then on 'Resources by Profession', and finally on the specific profession of interest. |
| Nursing & Midwifery | |
| Social Work | To shorten the route to these resources the honni team plans to place buttons linking to specific subject areas on the honni home page. |
| Pharmacy | |
| Dentistry | |
| Health Management | |
| Psychology | |
| Allied Health | |

Menu link to 'Renew Books'

We also plan to introduce a 'Renew Books' link to the main honni menu. This will allow you to log in quickly to your library account and renew any books you currently have on loan. **Watch out for the changes in July 2010**

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A new Borrower Services Librarian for the Medical & Healthcare Library

In the summer of 2010 the Medical & Healthcare Library will welcome a new Borrower Services Librarian. Alex McIlroy is a graduate of the University of Ulster, and of University College Dublin. She started her career as a library assistant in a local Belfast school while also working part-time in the Biomedical Library. She progressed to information work in the charity and voluntary sector before making the move to the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety Library in 2003, and has been working in libraries associated with the medical and healthcare field ever since.

A move to the research support team in Queen's University Belfast Medical Library in 2006 meant becoming more involved in the areas of medicine, biomedical sciences and pharmacy as a subject librarian, and she is pleased to move on in 2010 to the post of Borrower Services Librarian.

Alex currently sits on the local CILIP Ireland Committee and that of the special interest group; Career Development Group. Having received her chartered status in 2007, she is keen to become more involved in acting as a mentor to local candidates as they work towards chartership.

Although, in Alex's opinion, it is a daunting task to take on the role of Borrower Services Librarian, she is looking forward to working more closely with the Healthcare and Trust Librarians, and the rest of the Medical Library staff albeit from a different perspective within the team.

Sharepoint for Consultation



Those of you who are members of the honni Consultative Group normally receive **honni Update** by email. Where appropriate it provides links to the honni blog where you can post comments on issues raised.

The Library has recently implemented Microsoft Sharepoint for sharing information and working collaboratively. It is possible to create a work space within the Library Sharepoint site to allow Consultative Group members to log in and follow honni developments, contribute to discussions, and open discussions of their own.

We are keen to know whether this would be of interest to existing or potential Consultative Group members. Please post your thoughts to the honni blog using the Comment link below.

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