HONNI Hub launch at Antrim Postgraduate Centre

The official launch of a new HONNI hub at Antrim Hospital Postgraduate Centre, Bretten Hall, took place on Wednesday 23rd March. The hub provides medical staff with access to a wide range of online resources through the HONNI website – www.honni.qub.ac.uk

HONNI enables all HSC staff to use Queen’s University Medical and HSC Library resources free of charge. Any Northern Trust staff member can register to read e-books and e-journals, search databases, find information on health and social care topics, request books or journal articles and get help and training to find the best evidence.

Welcoming the new resource, Dr MacLeod, Director of Medical Education, said:

“Continuing professional development is important for medical staff to ensure we are up-to-date with the latest evidence. HONNI gives medical staff a wealth of quality information at their fingertips. I encourage staff to take advantage of this excellent resource to help people living in NHSCT receive the highest quality of care.”

The hub is an outreach resource of HSC Library Antrim based in Fern House. As a web-based resource, HONNI can be accessed from any PC connected to the internet.

Further information available from: hsclibrary.antrim@northerntrust.hscni.net
Tel: 028 9442 4232

The Medical & HSC Librarian bids farewell

Karen Latimer is retiring from the University at the end of June. Karen took over the role of Medical & HSC Librarian in 2009 and has faced challenging years with ever decreasing budgets but has succeeded in ensuring the provision of a continually evolving and enhanced library service to all users including HSC staff and QUB staff and students.

She has transformed the interior of the Mulhouse Building into bright, welcoming learning spaces and has been the driving force behind the introduction of HONNI hubs to hospital sites, giving local on-site electronic access to HONNI members.

Karen’s tireless and energetic management will be greatly missed by both her QUB and HSC colleagues but in particular by the staff in the Medical/Biomedical & HSC libraries. We take this opportunity to wish her a very long happy and healthy retirement and to thank her for all her support and vision over the last 7 years.
Are you a new member of the Medical & HSC Library?

Do you want to find out more about what HONNI has to offer?

Then check our online guide for new members which contains sections on:

- Different branches of the library
- Navigating the HONNI website
- Accessing e-books
- Searching for journal articles
- Requesting items
- Getting help and support

You can access the guide by going to: [http://libguides.qub.ac.uk/honni/introduction](http://libguides.qub.ac.uk/honni/introduction)

HSC Subject Librarian Team: new faces, same high quality support

Whatever your profession don’t hesitate to contact your subject librarian.

The HSC Subject Librarian Team is based in the Medical Library (RVH) and offers profession-specific support, advice and training on using HONNI and its resources to all HSC staff. The support on offer continues to be of the same high standard but we now have some new staff in the subject team.

Clinical Psychology

Nursing

Patrick Elliott

Midwifery & Social Work

Medicine & Dentistry

Allied Health Professions, Health Management & Pharmacy

Brenda Allen

Richard Fallis

Hazel Neale

Angela Thompson
Your questions answered

If you have any questions about the Medical & HSC Library and the HONNI website, why not take a look at our on-line frequently asked questions (FAQs) database, HONNI Help?

HONNI Help allows you to browse questions that have already been asked by other library members, and to ask fresh questions of your own.

To access HONNI Help go directly to: http://libraryhelp.qub.ac.uk/honni

Alternatively, click either the HONNI Help or the Any Questions? link on the HONNI homepage

New Systems Officer appointed

Majella O’Neill has just joined us as Medical Library Systems Officer. With a degree in Computing & Information Systems and library experience totalling sixteen years, she is well placed to take on this important post.

Majella has played a key role behind the scenes, both in the Medical and HSC Library working closely with our previous Systems Officer, and in Queen’s University’s Library Systems Department. She has a wealth of experience in coordinating access to electronic resources and in implementing new library systems and enjoys the challenge involved in this type of work.

No stranger to us, she has also worked at the Medical Library Issue Desk and keenly understands that hardworking HSC staff need to search for and access electronic resources quickly and easily.

She intends to carry on the excellent work that has been done in developing HONNI as the portal for information resources and library services for HSC staff throughout Northern Ireland.

We are delighted to welcome Majella to her new role and wish her every success.

New Library Smart Cards

From the middle of June, all new HSC members of the Library, and those renewing their membership will receive a new library card. It is a smart card and as with the previous library cards, is accompanied with a username and password.

Using your smart card, you can now:

- Add money to your card to pay for photocopying and printing within the QUB libraries
- Request books on loan
- Renew your loans (subject to certain restrictions explained on screen)
- Manage your current loans and requests, or any outstanding charges or fines
- Change your password

The Library has introduced smart cards in response to user feedback and to improve our service to you. The new card is more robust, will last longer and will work more efficiently with the Library access system. Existing members receiving a new smart card should either return their old card to the Library or destroy it.

Any further questions about the smart card system should be directed to the Borrower Services Desk in your nearest HSC Library.