



Increasing access to knowledge, information and the evidence base of health and social care in the East of England

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Background

- **Learning Resource Networks' objectives:**
 1. Contribute to the planning and delivery of workforce development
 2. Increase and improve practice learning for social work students
 3. Enable the development of skills and opportunities for work base learning and CPD
 4. Promote and enable access to knowledge, resources and information
 5. Ensure that the LRN is responsive to new developments



- 2 projects
 - East of England (Project lead JH)
 - London (Project lead Richard Osborn)

- To appoint a dedicated project worker.
- Scope and identify the range of existing potential resources.
- Develop improvement strategy to ensure all social care workforce needs are met covering all appropriate levels of study.
- Promote and market NHS Library resources to the social care workforce.



- Dedicated project worker – Andrea Wilson, Independent Consultant

- Scope and identify existing range of potential resource
 1. Social care staff library knowledge and information resources survey
 2. Review of current social care library knowledge and information resources and services
 3. NHS library services and resources in EoE

- Improvement strategy
 1. Partnership conference
 2. Training (EEHIST and links with SCIE)
 3. Development of social care training programme
 4. Collaborative working

- Promotion and Marketing
 1. Increased access to electronic databases, e-journals and journals
 2. Marketing special interest group



- Project report completed February 2006

- National developments
 1. NLH Board – Diane Gwynne Smith from SCIE is a member
 2. National Plan for Learning Resource Network

- **National Plan for the LRN 2006-9**
- *Work stream three: Develop national agreement for access to NHS libraries*
- • Work with NHS Library service to develop a national agreement enabling consistent access to their resources across regions and localities

- Future plans
 1. Bid for further funding to complete the project 2006/7
 2. Evaluation of impact
 3. Links with Core Content and NLH?

- Finally:
- www.eclaksa.nhs.uk (for link to project report)
- www.skillsforcare.org.uk (for link to LRN National Plan 2006-9)
- www.scie.org.uk (for link to ongoing work on evidence base of social care)