Annual Report 2014/5
Library Services to Sheffield Teaching Hospitals 2014/15

‘Healthcare library and knowledge services underpin all aspects of the NHS – supplying the evidence base to the service to make decisions on treatment options, patient care and safety, commissioning and policy, and to support lifelong learning, undertake research and drive innovation.’


Information is crucial to the delivery of high quality evidence-based clinical services across all areas of the NHS. It makes a difference to the delivery of the best clinical outcomes, to the design and development of services and to the research, innovation and education that underpins clinical services across the organisation. The evidence-base is vast; growing and changing at a rapid pace, yet time available for locating, accessing, filtering and appraising that evidence is limited. The landscape continues to change, the delivery of relevant and timely information to the desktop is increasingly important, as is the development of skills at the point of need. This year’s annual report reflects the increasing emphasis on outreach for services and digital for collections, it demonstrates the Library’s commitment to tailor services that will align with the priorities of Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Focus on Outreach

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Our first venture in to the realms of Critical Appraisal was at a session for Community Dentists, they had neglected to tell us that at this meeting it’s tradition to come in fancy dress, the theme was Alice in Wonderland. It certainly helped to put us at our ease. We’re now delivering workshops to staff across the trust. Overall feedback has been very positive.

- Very good course – Thank you!
- Many thanks I feel more confident.
- Overall a very good session and really helped my understanding.
- Fantastic session, really well presented, very useful. Thank you!
- We will continue to collaborate with our Library colleagues working with the faculty to build on the success of this workshop.

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**Access to digital resources**

This year over 1600 members of STH staff have been registered to use digital information resources that are provided on a national, regional and local basis and almost 12000 visits to resources have been made.

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**Athens registrations**

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**Developing a community focus**

Working closely with STH colleagues to ensure that services meet the needs of busy community based staff, the team has been making headway in rolling out services and support to those staff based in the community this year. A series of focused activities have been offered in the community setting and have received good uptake from professionals such as podiatrists, dieticians and physiotherapists. A local portfolio of digital content is being developed to enhance access to resources for those staff based in the community who do not have easy access to the physical library.

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**Accessing eBooks**

- Go to [www.library.nhs.uk](http://www.library.nhs.uk)
- Click My Resources
- Enter Athens details
- Select ebook from list
With over 5000 members of staff registered with the Library, the reconfigured and refurbished Health Sciences Library at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital is proving to be a great success and attracts a great deal of positive feedback relating to the quality of space.

During 2014/5 the University of Sheffield abandoned fines for overdue books in a pioneering move to make the loan system fairer and more efficient, and the scheme is proving to be a great success.

The University Library became one of the first University Library networks in the UK to abolish fines. Books are now automatically renewed until someone else requests them.

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**New Library books for Health Professionals**

In consultation with departments, we continue to work on the collection development of our clinical monographs, to ensure that it is up to date and relevant.

So far, we’ve updated the clinical training/revision collection and worked with colleagues in cardiology, dermatology, neurology, obstetrics and gynaecology, A & E, ENT, nursing, orthopaedics, restorative dentistry, stroke and ophthalmology.

We’re always happy to receive recommendations for new purchases, either print or digital, and have made a request form available at [http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/library/hsl/nhs/book](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/library/hsl/nhs/book).

From September 2015 we will be looking to develop our collection of books in other specialities. If you have any recommendations, please contact us.

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**Quality assurance**

Once again last summer we undertook assessment against the Library Quality Assurance Framework for NHS England (LQAF). The Library’s service to STH customers achieved 97% compliance to the
Award winning Library team

The University Library won the “Outstanding Library Team” award at the 2014 Times Higher Education Leadership & Management Awards (the THELMAs) in June 2014.

One of the areas the Library was commended for, was in outstanding improvement in student satisfaction; the major refurbishment of the Health Sciences Library was cited and led to our National Student Survey (NSS) satisfaction rate of 97% among medical students and 99% among dental students.

“Good Health Sciences library and resources.”
“Library facilities are excellent here”
“Best library facilities I have used”

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