

Information gateways and databases continued

PEDro

www.pedro.fhs.usyd.edu.au/index.html

PEDro is the Physiotherapy Evidence Database. It has been developed to give rapid access to bibliographic details and abstracts of randomised controlled trials, systematic reviews and evidence-based clinical practice guidelines in physiotherapy

North West Public Health Information Portal

www.nwph.net

This portal has been designed to allow more effective cross working between the many agencies that function within multi-disciplinary Public Health teams across the North West

Organisations

Department of Health (DH)

www.dh.gov.uk

The Department of Health's role is to improve the health and well-being of the population of England. The DH provides strategic leadership to the NHS and social care organisations in England.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF)

www.jrf.org.uk

The JRF is a social policy research and development charity. It seeks to better understand the causes of social difficulties and explores ways of better overcoming them.

National Institute for Health & Clinical Excellence (NICE)

www.publichealth.nice.org.uk

NICE is responsible for providing national guidance on the promotion of good health and the prevention and treatment of ill health.

King's Fund

www.kingsfund.org.uk

The King's Fund is an independent, charitable foundation with a mission to improve health for all, especially in London.

World Health Organisation (WHO)

www.who.int/en

WHO is the United Nations agency for health with the objective of assisting in the attainment of the highest possible level of health for all people in the world.

Organisations continued

British Medical Association (BMA)

www.bma.org.uk

The BMA is a voluntary professional association of doctors. It is also a scientific and educational body and a publisher.

Faculty of Public Health (FPH)

www.fph.org.uk

The FPH is a standard setting body for specialists in public health. It supports the public health profession through work on education and standards, professional affairs and advocacy and policy contribution.

Health Protection Agency (HPA)

www.hpa.org.uk

The HPA is responsible for protecting people from infectious diseases and preventing harm when hazards involving chemicals, poisons or radiation occur.

Association of Public Health Observatories (APHO)

www.apho.org.uk

APHO is the umbrella organisation for the ten public health observatories in England and Wales. The website is the portal to all ten observatories and contains a number of key publications produced by APHO.

Accessing NHS E-Resources

NHS Athens

<https://register.athensams.net/nhs/>

NLH offer access to over 1000 e-journals, e-books and key databases. To use them you will need an NHS Athens Password.

Key local and regional contacts

NHS libraries in the North West www.hlisd.org

Your local contact is:

NHS

North West

Finding public health knowledge and information

A guide for the North West



This leaflet has been produced by the North West Primary Care Librarians Group.

It contains a list of 'key' public health knowledge and information resources - it is not intended to be exhaustive.

Acknowledgement goes to the South East Public Health Knowledge Management Network for the original leaflet on which this one is based.

The North West Primary Care Librarians Group is not responsible for the content of the websites listed; addresses are current as at April 2008.

Electronic libraries

National Library for Health (NLH)

www.library.nhs.uk

The NLH is a library and information service for the NHS. The NLH website provides access to a wide range of health evidence resources including evidence-based reviews, guidance, e-books, journals and bibliographic databases. The NLH has a number of specialist libraries including Public Health

US National Library of Medicine

www.nlm.nih.gov

The US Library of Medicine's website contains a wide range of resources for the public and the professional. It includes the link to the Pubmed/Medline database of over 17 million biomedical and life science journal citations.

Cochrane Library

www.cochrane.org

The Cochrane Library consists of a collection of evidence-based medicine databases. It is widely considered to be the best single source of reliable evidence about the effects of healthcare interventions.

Social Care Online

www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk

Social Care Online is a product of the Social Care Institute for Excellence. It is an extensive database of social care information drawn from research briefings, reports, government documents, journal articles and websites.

Campbell Collaboration Library (C2)

www.campbellcollaboration.org

The Campbell Collaboration maintains and disseminates systematic reviews of studies to help people make informed decisions about the effects of interventions in the social, behavioural and educational arenas.

Keeping up-to-date

There are a number of regional and sub-regional e-bulletins available to help keep you informed by signposting to public health resources, emerging evidence, policy, news and events. You can also keep up-to-date by subscribing to receive email notification of new publications and the electronic tables of contents of your favourite journals such as the BMJ etc. These services are free. To find out more email your local or regional key contact.

Data and statistics

Compendium of Clinical and Health Indicators (NCHOD)

www.nchod.nhs.uk (detailed information for NHS staff only) and www.nchod.nhs.uk (public version).

The Compendium of Clinical and Health Indicators contains a comprehensive range of over 150 comparative health indicators for Strategic Health Authorities, Primary Care Trusts and local authorities.

Office for National Statistics (ONS)

www.statistics.gov.uk

The ONS website contains a wealth of demographic, social, economic and health information. The Neighbourhood Statistics sub-site (www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk) is a good starting point for local information. The 2001 Census results can be found here and also via the NOMIS site (www.nomisweb.co.uk).

Information Centre for Health and Social Care (IC)

www.ic.nhs.uk

The IC collects, analyses and disseminates a wide range of statistical health information on behalf of the DH and arms length bodies such as the Health Protection Agency etc. The website contains all of the IC's publications and information about data and statistical services.

North West Public Health Observatory (NWPHO)

www.nwpho.org.uk

NWPHO's role is to improve health and reduce health inequalities in the region by providing and brokering population-based information, knowledge and skills. The NWPHO website contains a range of data and statistical resources and reports for the North West

Department of Health (DH)

www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics

The DH website contains all current and most old DH and social services statistical reports (such as NHS immunisation statistics) and surveys (including the Health Survey for England) undertaken on behalf of DH. The range of reports available is vast, although not all contain sub-national statistics.

Health-EU

http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/health_in_the_eu/statistics/index_en.htm

The Public Health Portal of the European Union. A major objective of the EU Public Health strategy is to produce comparable information on health and health systems in the EU.

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OpenSIGLE

<http://opensigle.inist.fr/>

OpenSIGLE - System for Information on Grey Literature in Europe
Open access to SIGLE bibliographical references of reports and other grey literature (GL) produced in Europe.

Intute

www.intute.ac.uk

Intute is a database of hand-selected and evaluated web resources. The database is divided into four broad topic areas including health and life sciences and social sciences.

Netting the Evidence

www.shef.ac.uk/scharr/ir/netting

The Netting the Evidence website belongs to the School of Health and Related Research (SchARR) at Sheffield University. The website signposts to a range of evidence-based healthcare resources on the internet.

Turning Research Into Practice (TRIP) Database

www.tripdatabase.com

TRIP is a search tool specifically designed to search for evaluated medical literature on the internet. Its aim is to allow health professionals to easily find the high quality material available on the web to answer real clinical questions.

World Health Organisation Library Database (WHOLIS)

www.who.int/library/databases/en/

The WHOLIS database includes more than 70,000 bibliographic records and 30,000 links to full text documents. WHOLIS indexes all WHO publications from 1948 onwards and articles from WHO-produced journals and technical documents from 1985 to the present.

OTseeker

www.otseeker.com

OTseeker is a database that contains abstracts of systematic reviews and randomised controlled trials relevant to occupational therapy.

National Rehabilitation Information Centre (NARIC)

www.naric.com/research/rehab/default.cfm

The leading literature database on disability and rehabilitation