

HLG is a UK based network of individuals working in or professionally interested in health and social care. Our strength is our diverse and active membership covering all geographical areas of the UK as well as European and International members. Our members work within health and social care, academia, civil service, professional associations, voluntary and public sectors. We welcome students and those interested in Knowledge, Library and Information Services as well as those working with data and informatics. 2022 was a landmark year as we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Health Libraries Group.

POLICY

In 2022, the key change from the perspective of policy underpinning health knowledge and library services was the Health and Care Act 2022. An editorial was written for the *Health Information and Libraries Journal* (June issue) to encourage knowledge and library services to make use of the Act as a level for their role in equipping the NHS to use 'evidence obtained from research' under the duty 14Z40 of the Act. The HLG also contributed to CILIP's policies and strategy through the Policy Committee. CILIP's 5-year strategy was published in 2022, and the values of the profession (social justice, intellectual freedom and evidence-based practice) inform the activity of the CILIP Policy Committee and policy work of the HLG.

EVENTS

- HLG75, our successful hybrid event celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the HLG took place in October 2022. Early plans are being put in place for our HLG 2024 conference.
- Collaborative workshops with the Library and Information Research Group looking at the stages of carrying out our workplace research.
- Festive Mingle; a randomised coffee trial that attracted almost 50 members.



PUBLICATIONS



Health Information and Libraries Journal (HILJ)

- In 2022, HILJ continued its sustainable transition to becoming an open access publication. 19 of the 45 articles published in 2022 were published hybrid open access.

HLG Newsletter was published once in 2022

- This issue looked forward to our HLG75 events while contributions, from columnists, HLG members and wider CILIP members, explored innovations in health libraries past and present.

Core Collections

- Since Summer 2022, a small working group has been updating the Nursing and Midwifery Core Collection, aiming to publish the 6th edition by July 2023.
- Assistance in an advisory capacity was agreed for the Medical Core Collection of books for hospitals in Sub-Saharan Africa.

MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS

At the end of the financial year, HLG had 1307 members.

The HLG Twitter account (@ciliphlg) gained 101 new followers.

Total number of tweets and retweets was 223.

HLG News continued to be circulated monthly.

Website statistics (February 2022 - January 2023)

- HILJ accounted for 6% of overall traffic to the HLG website
- HLG Nursing Bulletin accounted for 2% of overall traffic to the HLG website
- HLG Newsletter Archive overall accounted for 7% of overall traffic to the HLG website. The current newsletter started to be published on the new WordPress platform from August 2020.



FINANCES



Most of our income was derived from our royalties, coming from our flagship journal *Health Information and Libraries Journal* and from publishing rights to our *Nursing Bulletin*.

The majority of our expenditure related to the HLG75 event held in October 2022. Other costs include maintaining HLISD, subscriptions to our WordPress site and the continued smooth running of the committee.