

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.

POLICY

The HLG as part of the Health and Social Care Knowledge Exchange developed a policy statement on eBooks and the need for affordable publishing models for libraries to access; contributed to a new policy development framework for CILIP, based on CILIP's ethical framework; and responded to a consultation on shared decision-making as part of the development of the NICE shared decision-making guidelines. The HLG advised the CILIP Policy Committee on the implications of the Health and Care Bill 2021 and the Health and Social Care Plan 2021.

EVENTS

- 'Randomised Coffee Trial' with near to 100 people participating in this major networking opportunity
- Planning began around a series of research workshops for 2022, collaborating with Library and Information Research Group (LIRG)



PUBLICATIONS

HLG Newsletter was published 2 times in 2021

- 10 articles on good practice and experience
- event reports from LILAC Festival and International Clinical Librarians Conference

HLG Nursing Bulletin was published once in 2021 with the primary focus on the establishment of the digitisation project

- withdrawal and replacement of a legacy LMS
- response of nursing students to virtual teaching
- a library professional's first steps into teaching

Medical Core Collection

- The 7th edition was fully updated (<https://corecollection.co.uk/>)
- Nursing & Midwifery Core Collection is being updated.



MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS

At the end of the financial year, HLG had 1157 members.

The HLG Twitter account (@ciliphlg) gained 75 new followers.

Total number of tweets and retweets was 189.

HLG News continued to be circulated monthly.

Website statistics (February 2021 - January 2022)

- HILJ accounted for 8% of overall traffic to the HLG website
- HLG Nursing Bulletin accounted for 6% of overall traffic to the HLG website
- HLG Newsletter Archive overall accounted for 5% of overall traffic to the HLG website



FINANCES

Most of our income was derived from our royalties and the VAT.

Expenditure in 2021 was mostly spent on refunding sponsors and delegates their money from our cancelled conference. Money was also lent to CILIP during COVID-19, and HLG continue to pay to host HLISD along with Health Education England.

