

HLISD Annual Editorial Overview for LKSL and HLG 2013/2014 (Amended and final version)

Entries and Contacts

The number of entries stood at 769 in April 2014 compared with 782 in October 2013. A number of deletions were made during the year due to libraries closing or merging. On October 2013 the number of names in the contact field was 1,018.

Editors

At the end of the year there were 63 editing groups being responsible for entries ranging in number from 2 to 88.

Added value

In addition to being a directory of health library and information services and generally accepted anecdotally as an important and up to date source of such information by both library and information service staff and by other staff working in the health service, HLISD has added value from some of its other functions

- As a source of contacts, the database holds over 1,000 names.
- As a source of collaborative network members
- Additionally it enables services to compile their own directory of services from it by downloading a spreadsheet, thereby saving time and effort for those services which would otherwise compile their own.
- It can be reused or linked to from other systems such as library management systems and ILL systems, meaning that the data needs to be kept up to date in one system only.

Recent Focus

- Updating the RAID log and tidying up some areas of the database, a few Additional Services were added to pick list, more to be done in 2014/2015.
- Publicising in HILJ, on HLG members mailing list and sending the leaflet to the LILAC conference. An updated leaflet will be ready for the HLG Conference in July.
- Ongoing encouragement to editors to update
- Work on the Notes for Coordinating Editors

Google Stats

The total number of visits to HLISD (<http://www.hlisd.org/>) between 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014 was 67,026, which compares with 71,878 for the year of January - December 2013 and 64,178 for the year January - December 2012. 67.1% were unique visitors and 32.9% were returning visitors, very similar to other recent figures.

Costs per hit April 2013 to March 2014

Co-ordinating Editor £5,685 + Wirral Health Informatics Service (WHIS) £1,260 divided by 67,026 = 10p per hit.

Web hosting arrangements

The technical hosting of HLISD remained with Wirral Health Informatics Service (WHIS). A RAID log was progressed and several developmental issues were investigated and resolved with WHIS. The relationship with WHIS continues to be good.

Editorial Support

This continued to be provided by Julie Ryder Associates.

Funding arrangements

During 2013, the funding of HLISD was, as before, shared between its two partners, LKSL and HLG. LKSL funded both the technical hosting and 7 hours a month for the HLISD Co-ordinating Editor which totalled £4,320. HLG agreed to fund the annual face-to-face meeting of the HLISD Board and agreed up to another seven hours per month to cover agreed work as well as the annual marketing push which came to £1,365 for the coordinator. There was no face-to-face Board meeting between April 2013 and March 2014.

HLISD Board

The Board held two virtual meetings during the year and one face to face meeting.

Board membership as at April 2014 was:

Richard Osborn (Chair and LKSL representative)

Angela Perrett

Julie Ryder, Co-ordinating Editor)

Gary Birkenhead (HLG representative)

Michelle Dutton

David Law

Jenny Toller

Focus for next year, when time permits

- Continue to follow items on the improvement list/RAID log
- Complete Notes for Co-ordinating Editor.
- Continue chasing updates, focussing on encouraging specific Group Editors
- Follow up ideas for new entries

Julie Ryder, 7/10/14