



## HEALTH LIBRARY IRELAND NEWS

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### STRATEGIES: OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

This has been a very rewarding year for the library service. We reached the end of a five year cycle of strategy implementation and have achieved many of the milestones set out in the original strategy. Structurally, the Library service is national, with three Area Library Managers (East, South and West) in place, each with responsibility for two of the new health regions.

National teams are in place and have matured over the years, providing standardised information skills training, literature search and summary services, research digests to keep up to date and making available a standard core eLibrary of resources right across the health service. All this was achieved alongside local library services providing value added resources like 'makerlabs', energy pods and wellness collections to support local staff and the wider health community.

A major highlight this year was the launch of the National Central Repository for Policies, Procedures, Protocols and Guidelines with the accompanying Practical Guide, replacing the 2016 Framework. The HSE Open Access Research Awards are always a highlight in December and 2023 marks the 10th year of the Awards. These awards are the only ones of their kind in the health service, acknowledging the research of people who work at the frontline of the health services.

Stella Williams (R), Library Assistant at South Tipperary General Hospital in Clonmel, retires this month, after 23 years working with the HSE. She will be sorely missed by everyone in Health Library Ireland and particularly the staff of the hospital and broader health community in south Tipperary. We wish her all the very best for a happy and healthy retirement.



HLI staff working on the new strategy

**Aoife Lawton, National Health Librarian**

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## STRATEGIES: OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW (CONTD)

Library staff have also been busy this year, asking for feedback and input from people across the HSE about our service. This has fed into a new strategy which will be finalised early in 2024. The biggest and most important finding from the feedback received is that our staff is our greatest asset.

Last month I attended the launch of the Machnamh 100 Centenary Reflections in Áras an Uachtarán. I received a hardback 2 volume book of Machnamh 100. The president had nothing but good things to say in promotion of libraries, reading, literature and the importance of truth. He was a pleasure to listen to and to meet.

Although it has been a challenging year for clerical, administrative and management grades of staff, I have seen great teamwork, spirit and peer support which makes me proud to lead this service and I look forward to a New Year with a new strategy..

Thank you to all the staff working as part of Health Library Ireland and to all our members and people who have worked with us over the course of the year – wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

**Aoife Lawton, National Health Librarian**



Aoife Lawton with President Michael D. Higgins

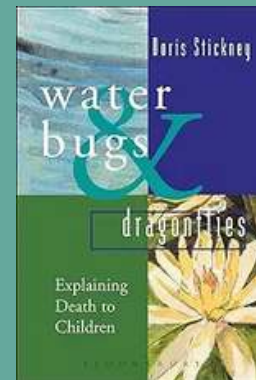
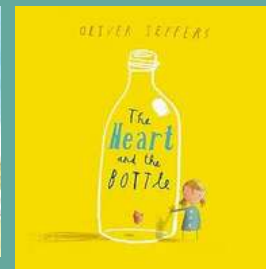
## Naas General Hospital supporting bereaved children



(L) A photo of a specially made bookshelf for a new collection of books in Naas General hospital Library to support children suffering a bereavement.

This collection is designed to help NGH colleagues involved with supporting children who have had a recent bereavement. It is also designed to help staff members themselves help their children come to terms with a bereavement. The list of books to be bought was provided by the End-of-life Coordinator.

The Friends of Naas charity provided the funding and librarian Ronan Hegarty sourced the books from the Book Nest. The carpenter in Naas General Hospital designed and created the attractive and warm "house" for the books and bolted it to the wall.





# Supporting Research and Education at Naas General Hospital

**In August of this year I was asked by the General Manager of Naas General Hospital to lead out on re-forming the hospital's Research and Education committee.**

**Ronan Hegarty, Librarian  
Naas General Hospital**

The committee had lain dormant since the onset of the pandemic. This committee is responsible for organising a monthly 'Lunch and Learn' educational session where hospital colleagues present on a medical theme.

The aim of these educational sessions is to improve knowledge of clinical best practice and to increase awareness of the work that is taking place both in the acute hospital setting as well as in local integrated care.



I approached managers from all of the hospital's departments to nominate a representative to join the committee. I arranged preparatory meetings to organise events and allocated various organising tasks to committee members. We have now had a total of 4 hour-long educational sessions on the following topics:

- **Palliative Care**
- **Enhanced Community Care (Integrated care)**
- **Endoscopy**
- **Prize giving event for the 2023 NGH Quality Improvement Poster Competition.**



The four events have attracted 242 attendees in total. The prize giving event for the poster competition was certainly the highlight of the year. I set up a special subcommittee to organise this event.

We attracted a record number of posters (34) in which all departments showcased their quality improvement initiatives from throughout the year.

I worked closely with the panel of five expert external judges who were very generous in giving us their time judging poster entries.

At the prize giving event, the top five quality improvement teams gave a short presentation on their posters and received vouchers from the General Manager. All 34 posters were printed in A1 size and displayed in the boardroom. I was responsible for opening the event and setting up each presentation and the video presentation for the team who could not attend on the day. After the event I sent out individualised certificates to all entrants.

The event was extremely well received and, while time consuming to organise, really cemented the library's profile at the centre of research and education in the hospital.

# HLI Strategy 2024-29: Clarifying the Objective Exercise

Health Library Ireland (HLI) concluded its 2018 strategy this year. Finding a process that can engage all staff and representative stakeholders in developing a new vision for a new strategy can be a challenge. To address this, HLI hosted a facilitated session by Mary C. Morrissey, HSE Research and Development, in collaboration with Area Managers, team leads, health librarians and representatives from each area and domain. This delivered a draft vision for the new strategy.

Mary developed a novel facilitation method, called Clarify the Objective (CTO), to assist healthcare teams in creating or renewing their group's vision amid organisational change. It uses a whole-brain approach that incorporates logic (using data), analysis (consider challenges) and facts (update on topic) combining with creativity (use of drawing), imagination (relaxation).

**Mary Morrissey, Psychology Lead  
Health Service Executive**



The CTO method has the following steps:

- Establish the session's goal and individual expectations and capabilities.
- Present an update of developments and current issues on the topic area
- Conduct the visualisation process: relaxation and visualisation – future ideal state of their project.
- Work in pairs to develop a draft vision statement
- Examine the visions from the pairings and vote on which vision to develop further.
- Use 'Accept or change' exercise to develop a workable draft vision/statement of purpose.

This draft vision, in conjunction with the vision statement from the Clarify the Objective facilitation, was entered into an Artificial Intelligence process, resulting in three additional options for a vision. All four statements, including the facilitation group's vision statement, were circulated to HLI staff and interested groups, and the HLI Strategy Steering Group for voting. This collective and deeply collaborative approach resulted in the following HLI vision for 2024-29:

*An integrated library service  
providing instant access to quality  
health information through a network  
of library experts, for the benefit of  
all.*

This Clarify the Objective facilitation approach has supported a wide range of projects within the HSE, from an acute, community and organisation, to develop new or renewed visions and shared purpose.

The Clarify the Objective service is available from  
[researchanddevelopment@hse.ie](mailto:researchanddevelopment@hse.ie)



# Funding award for HLI project supporting Open Research

A strong culture of research in healthcare is shown to improve outcomes for the organisation, the staff and the patient. Making sure this research is openly available without subscription or paywalls contributes to general population health literacy.

**Laura Rooney Ferris, Library Resources Manager**

The National Action Plan for Open Research published in 2022 sets out an ambitious target of 'Achieving 100% open access to research publications' by 2030 across all disciplines and environments of research production.

The HSE library service has a long-established tradition of support for Open Access. Lenus, the Irish Health Research Repository, was established in 2009 to make the research output of health researchers and health agencies in and from Ireland openly accessible. This was followed by the HSE Open Access awards, established in 2014 to encourage and reward open health publication.



Gemma Moore and Laura Rooney Ferris

Health Library Ireland is now taking the next step in acting as enablers to achieving 100% open access to healthcare research.

Many of the Irish health and social care practitioners who conduct and publish research do this outside of an academic setting. This excludes them from the transformative agreements that underpin open academic publication, making them liable for expensive Article Processing Charges (APCs).

This effectively creates a barrier to achieving the goal of 100% open access, creates inequality in research generation and inhibits the publication and visibility of practitioner-based health research.

Health Library Ireland and National Quality & Patient Safety Directorate, along with partners including the Irish College of General Practitioners, the Irish Open Access Publishers and representatives from RCSI Library and UCD School of Nursing and Midwifery have recently submitted a successful application to the National Open Research Forums' Open Research Fund 2023 for a project to support Open Research publication.

## Building a route to Open Access publication

This project aims to embed a culture of Open Research for Health and Social Care Practitioners. The year long project led by Dr Gemma Moore from National Quality & Patient Safety Directorate and Laura Rooney Ferris from Health Library Ireland has three aims:

- To establish a formal Open Health Research network to support Open Research practice
- Establishment of an Open Health Research Engagement Officer role to facilitate the project
- Deliver a viable route to 100% open access through development of a (Diamond) Open Access Journal for Irish health and social care research.

This ambitious project, the first of its kind in Ireland, will see the first dedicated open health research role established. It is hoped it will facilitate better understanding of the landscape of Open Research from health practitioners and provide a mechanism for them to publish in an open format.



# Get involved with the HSLG!

The Health Sciences Libraries Group (HSLG) of the Library Association of Ireland (LAI) represents the interests and concerns of all who work in Irish health libraries and associated information settings.

**Breeda Herlihy, Librarian  
Mercy University Hospital, Cork**

The committee steers the group's activities and would really love to have a member from Health Library Ireland on board with us, so I've blagged my way into the HLI Staff newsletter to tell you more about what we do.

I joined the committee in early 2023 and I have to say it's been a whirlwind of activity since but it's something that I've really enjoyed because of the warm support and professionalism of my fellow committee members. Currently the committee is chaired by Niamh Lucey from St Vincent's University Hospital, with Mary Dunne, HRB National Drugs Library as Vice-Chair and Research Officer, Noreen McHugh, St. Michael's Hospital as Treasurer, Mairead Nelson, HRB National Drugs Library as Events/CPD Officer, Nicola O'Shea, Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin as Secretary and Jean McMahon, Tallaght University Hospital as my co-Communications Officer.

In the past year the HSLG has organised many events including our annual conference, virtual journal club sessions, networking and CPD events including a very popular webinar "Graphic Design for Librarians".



In addition, we have published the HSLG CPD framework and revamped the CPD area of our website to provide extensive resources to support health librarians and information professionals on their professional journeys. You can watch out for upcoming events here: <https://hslg.ie/calendar/>

We also set up an information peer learning network through the HSLG Peer Review Literature Search Scheme in Summer 2023 and have just launched the second round of the scheme. This helps our members share their highly skilled expertise and learn from their peers.

For the next year, we're looking forward to the pilot of our Mentoring scheme. Mentors will receive training and mentees will get some guidance on the mentoring process. Further details will be broadcast in January 2024 followed by the official launch of the scheme at our annual conference in the Ashling Hotel on 7th March 2024. Which brings me to my next plug: our call for abstracts for the annual conference is open until Friday 19th January.

And finally to finish off, it's not all work on the HSLG committee. We've recently launched a fiction competition for our newsletter, HINT. We invited creative librarians to submit a short piece of fiction to a competition which has been judged by crime author Louise Phillips. The top 3 winning pieces will receive a prize and we'll be mixing up work and leisure reading by including the winning pieces in forthcoming issues of HINT.

For more information on our activities and resources, visit our website at <https://hslg.ie/> where you can find out how to join the HSLG. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, you can contact our chairperson, Niamh Lucey, [nlucey@svhg.ie](mailto:nlucey@svhg.ie) for a chat.



# HSE Open Access Research Awards 2023

The tenth HSE Open Access Research Awards were presented in Dr Steevens' Hospital on Friday 15th December 2023, by Dr Philip Crowley (National Director, Strategy and Research). Since their inauguration in 2014, the awards have become an important part of the health research calendar – something reflected in the extremely high standard of entries.

This year the awards also featured a presentation by Laura Rooney Ferris, describing a new HLI project funded by the National Open Research Forum (NORF), “Building a Culture of Open Research for Health and Social Care Practitioner Researchers”. This project is described in detail elsewhere in this newsletter.

The HSE Open Access Research Awards judge, Professor Jonathan Drennan, spoke about the themes arising from this year's entries. He admitted that the high standard of entries had made it particularly difficult for the judges to choose a winner – though of course they eventually did.

Prizes were awarded across five categories, with a Special Innovation Award and an Overall Winner award. The winners were:

**Acute Care and Hospitals:** Fatal fetal anomaly: Experiences of women and their partners by Keelin O'Donoghue and colleagues.

**Community and Social care:** Socio-ecological determinants of older people's mental health and well-being during COVID-19: A qualitative analysis within the Irish context by Viveka Guzman and colleagues.

**Mental Health and Disabilities:** LGBT+ Youth Perspectives on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Questions in the Growing Up in Ireland Survey: A Qualitative Study by Nerilee Ceatha and colleagues.

**Integrated Services:** The Omentum in Obesity-Associated Cancer: A Hindrance to Effective Natural Killer Cell Migration towards Tumour Which Can Be Overcome by CX3CR1 Antagonism by Melissa Conroy and colleagues.

**Climate or Environmental Health:** Public Health Measures to Address the Impact of Climate Change on Population Health – Proceedings from a Stakeholder Workshop by Samira Barbara Jabakhanji and colleagues.

**Special Innovation Award:** Breaking the Silence: Terminology Guidelines for Data Collection on Sexual Violence Against Children by Elaine Mears and colleagues.

**Overall Winner:** Applying a new approach to the governance of healthcare quality at board level by Jennifer Martin and colleagues.

**Padraig Manning, Librarian  
Lenus Manager**



(C) Philip Crowley with the overall winner Jennifer Martin



(L) External judge Prof. Jonathan Drennan, Laura Rooney Ferris, Padraig Manning



# Launch of the National Central Repository

The HSE National Central Repository and a Practical Guide called 'How to Develop HSE National Policies, Procedures, Protocols and Non-

**Emer Quigley**  
**NCR Project Manager**

Clinical Guidelines' were officially launched by Dr Philip Crowley (National Director, Strategy and Research) on 5th December, 2023.

The repository is live on the HSE website since July 2023. It is the single trusted source for accessing, storage and document management of approved HSE National Policies, Procedures, Protocols, Guidelines (PPPGs) and Clinical Guidelines. It was developed in-house by the HSE Digital Communications User Experience Team in collaboration with a working group chaired by Aoife Lawton, General Manager, Health Library Ireland who also managed the daily operations.

Staff can now see what documents are in development on a particular subject; in time this will help reduce duplication of documents on the same topic, something particularly relevant as new organisational structures for the HSE Health Regions begin to emerge.

The feedback from stakeholders has been very positive, with the total users at over 30,000 to date. The predominant referring website is HSeLanD, which shows an explicit link between staff training followed by accessing organisational policy and guidelines.



Members of the NCR Project Team and associated groups

## National Central Repository

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[National Guideline on Adult Home Enteral Nutrition](#)

Date published: 15 December 2023

Publication Type: HSE National Guideline

[HSE Data Protection - Dealing with the Provision of Information to Public Representatives \(TDs, Senators, MEPs and Local Representatives\)](#)

The new Guide and Template will strengthen our guidance to prioritise, plan, develop, implement and sustain National PPPGs. There is renewed emphasis on prioritising which documents get developed nationally and on the importance of clear governance and document ownership from the outset.

The importance of ongoing consultation and communication with all key stakeholders throughout the development process is highlighted.

There is step by step guidance on how to develop and strengthen implementation plans, and a new section on sustainability to ensure policies and guidelines are fully implemented and stay in place.

The new template is mandatory for the development of all HSE National PPPGs and Clinical Guidelines. It has been simplified and is much easier to use and follow. The template provides greater detail on governance and ownership, 'effective from' and 'review due' dates, and outlines the responsibility for implementation, monitoring and audit. It has new mandatory elements such as documenting stakeholder involvement, providing an audit tool for local sites and a plan for implementation.

If you have any queries about the HSE National Central Repository or the Practical Guide, please contact the team at [ncr.team@hse.ie](mailto:ncr.team@hse.ie). Click [here](#) to watch the NCR launch.



# Five Nations discuss ebook marketing

How well are we marketing our ebook collections and what learning can we share from health library services across countries?

**Laura Rooney Ferris, Library Resources Manager (Procurement)**

These are the questions addressed at an online event for library staff from the HSE and NHS England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland held on Thursday October 12th this year.

The event (organised by Health Library Ireland staff Laura Rooney Ferris and Denise Duffy along with Meg Gorman from NHS Wales and Helene Goring from NHS England) was the first time staff from across the 5 Nations came together to learn and share their experiences.

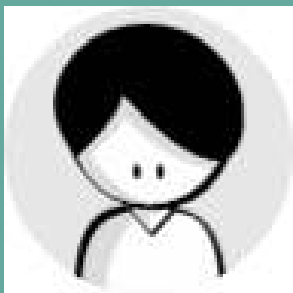
This half-day learning experience featured :

- Presentations from each of the 5 nations on how they manage ebook collections.
- Case studies of good practice and successful approaches to managing ebook uptake and marketing
- Discussion on approaches to improving how we strategically market our ebooks

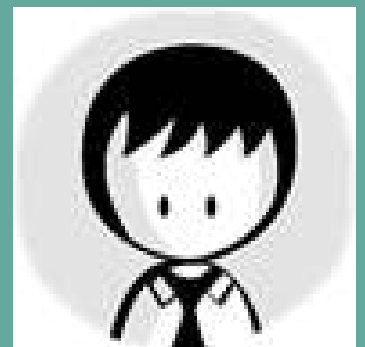


We got hands-on and creative with a lively session on strategic marketing delivered by Library Marketing guru Ned Potter. More than 70 staff from across the regions attended and the post event feedback was very positive.

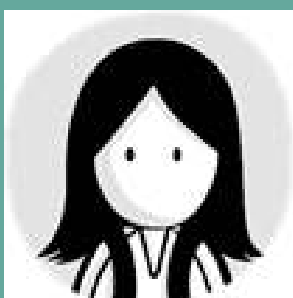
## Feedback from the Five Nations Event



***“I thoroughly enjoyed the whole of the session, from start to finish you had my full attention, can't say any better than that!”*** NHS England staff



***“Very good to hear from different geographical areas”*** HSE Library staff



***“Excellent session with great comments and ideas being shared via the chat. Big thank you to the organisers.”*** NHS Wales staff

It was a great opportunity to meet and learn from our colleagues across the five nations and we hope will be the first of many such cross regional collaborations.

# “Baby Talk” in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital NICU

Library staff in Our Lady of Lourdes are currently involved in an exciting and worthwhile project for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, jointly run by HLI staff, Our Lady of Lourdes clinical staff, and Louth county libraries.

**Ruth O'Rourke, Librarian**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital,**  
**Drogheda**

Spearheaded by Deirdre Bradley, Senior Speech and Language Therapist, a clinical audit was successfully completed to quantify language exposure for premature babies, with support from Stanford University. This audit found that, for the babies observed, speech input was limited during all kinds of contacts. There was less speech input for premature babies than for mature babies, and less again for babies in incubators.



Premature babies are at risk of language delay; however increasing the language input the infant is exposed to improves neurodevelopmental outcomes, with evidence of parental reading providing immediate benefits during NICU stay (Levesque, 2018; Scala 2018). This urgent need to improve language development opportunities for premature babies led us to develop the “Baby Talk” reading project.



Leona Burgess (Dundalk Library), Ruth O'Rourke (HLI) and Theresa McNelly (Drogheda Library)

HLI library staff invited the Louth library service to join the project, and we worked together with clinical staff to develop an appropriate reading list, and provide wipeable board books to be held in the NICU and accessible to parents and caregivers.

The books are “checked out” with a handheld scanner, and returned to boxes for UV decontamination. We developed a reading checklist, and supplied promotional and informative material about the project, with the majority being hosted on a LibGuide accessible by QR code or URL link.

With the support of ward management for the project, parents are being encouraged to read to their babies wherever possible, and staff are helping out too. Certificates for completing the reading checklist have begun to be handed out.



Deirdre Bradley (L) and Maura Daly

The “Baby Talk” project has progressed to the next level for Spark funding, and an event celebrating reading to premature babies is planned in Drogheda public library in January, inviting former NICU babies and helping to launch the project.



# Celebrating Library Ireland Week

Library Ireland Week is an annual celebration that aims to promote libraries and their invaluable services to the community. This year, Adult Mental Health Service, Cork Library and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Library came together to actively engage their patrons and

**Natasha Smith, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda & Liis Cotter, AMHS Cork**

foster a sense of excitement around the event. Through a series of activities and promotions, both libraries successfully showcased their resources and further highlighted the importance of libraries in people's lives.

## Promotion of the Theme: "Your Library, Your Universe"

Adult Mental Health Service, Cork Library decided to centre their focus on the literary worlds as they crafted their quiz questions for the library patrons. By tapping into the popularity of modern fiction, they observed a shift in the preferences of their patrons. This approach not only refreshed the traditional quiz format but also encouraged engagement and participation.



On the other hand, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Library embraced the theme of "libraries are for everyone" to promote their various services and supports available to HSE staff and students. Flyers and emails were used to reach out to library users and remind them of the resources and assistance available in the library.



## Engagement Activities: Quiz and Promotion of Resources

To make Library Ireland Week enjoyable for everyone, both libraries organized engaging activities to capture the interest of their patrons.

Adult Mental Health Service, Cork Library organized a library quiz with a box of sweets for the three acute hospitals where the librarian holds weekly library clinics. The quiz featured a range of diverse questions, from literature and history to pop culture and science. The enthusiastic response to the quiz confirmed the success of this activity in increasing engagement and knowledge about the library's resources.

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Library took a multi-faceted approach to promote their library spaces and online resources. They showcased the diverse range of library spaces available to patrons, ranging from quiet study areas to relaxing chill zones and dedicated research spaces.

Library Ireland Week provided AMHS Cork Library and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Library with an opportunity to promote their services and facilities effectively. Through activities like quizzes and promotions, they engaged and entertained their patrons, ensuring a successful celebration of libraries. As both libraries continue their efforts to connect with and support their respective communities, their collaborations during Library Ireland Week serve as a testament to the enduring value of libraries.



# Information Technology News

## Using Libkey to access full text

Over two workshops, Third Iron demonstrated to Library Staff how their linking technology works for Health Library Ireland. If you have not already, why not install the Libkey Nomad browser extension?

**Thomas Veale & Gabriel Graves**  
**Digital Knowledge Services, Health Library Ireland**

This enables full text access when searching on PubMed, Google scholar, UpToDate and other websites, through a simple one-click link. To install Libkey nomad go to [Add a little bit of body text](#)

Medline © Abstract for Reference 3 of 'Clinical manifestations of Parkinson disease'

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TI Challenges in the diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.

**EMC (electronic medicines compendium)** has been made accessible to HSE staff and on a national basis (similar to how the Cochrane library and BMJ Best Practice are available nationally). It contains more than 14,000 documents checked or approved by UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) or the European Medicines Agency (EMA). These include Summary Product Characteristics (SPCs) and Patient Information Leaflets. To use see

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc>

Search the HLI catalogue at [search.hli.ie](http://search.hli.ie)

Search the HLI book/ebook collection at [search.hli.ie](http://search.hli.ie). We are continually reviewing and making improvements so staff have a wide range of material at their disposal. New additions include:

[Advanced statistics for physical and occupational therapy](#)

[Mastering simulation: a handbook for success](#)

[Demystifying integrated care: a handbook for practice](#)

[BNF for children 2022-2023](#)

[Theoretical basis for nursing](#)



## LibApps training

As we approach the year-end, we are pleased to announce significant advancements in our library services. Throughout the past months, our team has dedicated itself to thorough training in the LibApps platform, poised to enhance your library experience.

In November, we focused on LibConnect, a tool designed to improve communication both with patrons and internally within our team. Guided by expert Jen Forgit from SpringShare, we delved into modules and actions, improving the creation of compelling email campaigns with Canva and gaining proficiency in projects, tasks, and stats generation.

December marks the culmination of our year-long LibApps training, covering LibCal, LibGuides, LibAnswers, LibWizard, LibInsight, and more. These tools aren't mere additions; they form the backbone of our commitment to providing a more efficient and user-friendly library experience.

So, what does this mean for our patrons? A cohesive staff equipped with the tools to respond to inquiries, navigate and generate resources in these demanding times. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.



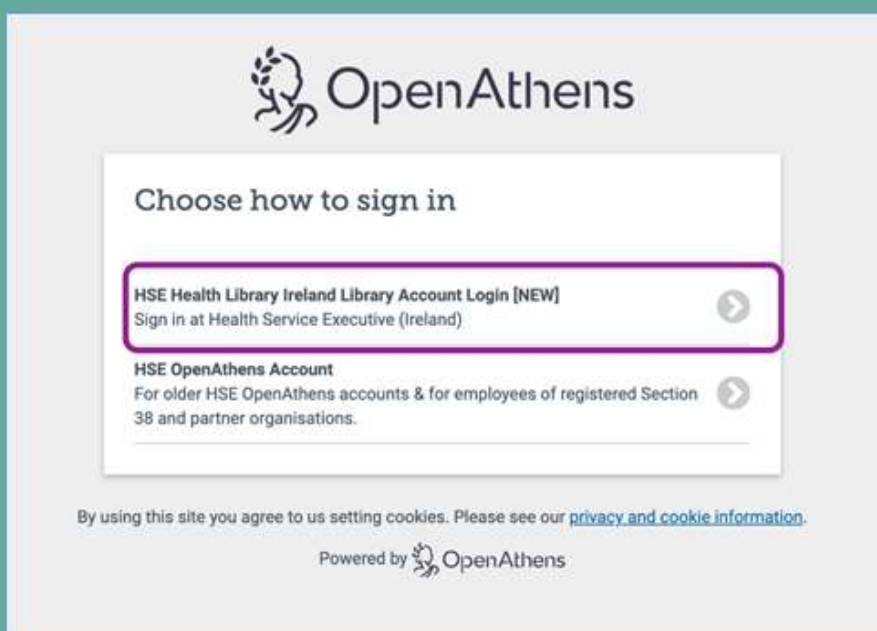
# Information Technology News (contd)

## New HLI login

The number of patrons accessing e-resources through their library account credentials has surpassed 2000.

In the background, OpenAthens still acts as the authentication system to all our valuable paid-for resources.

All this means that one set of login credentials allows access to the book catalogue and to e-resources.



## Health Library Ireland helpdesk

Health Library Ireland's online helpdesk has helped with **839 queries** so far in 2023. [Contact us](#) for any library query you may have.

## Library registration form

A new library self-registration form and process are being designed. When ready, all HSE native OpenAthens accounts will be set to close, and patrons shall be advised to register using the new form.

# Kerry General Hospital Library refurbishment begins



**Jennifer Butler, Librarian  
University Hospital Kerry**

Works are finally underway on the refurbishment of Kerry General Hospital Library in Tralee. Congratulations to Mary Lehané and Anna O'Shea who have packed up the entire library on their own!



More updates to follow in 2024!



# BMJ Case Reports



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## ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (AMHS) CORK

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

## CAVAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

Open 24hrs with staff onsite Monday to Friday 8.45am - 4.00pm

## CONNOLLY HOSPITAL

Mon to Thurs: 10.00am -12:30pm and 1.30pm -4.00pm.  
24/7 swipe access to study rooms

## CORK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Mon - Thurs: 9.00 am - 1.45 pm 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm  
Fri: 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

## HLI HQ - DR STEEVENS' HOSPITAL

Monday to Friday 10.00 am - 12.00 pm; 2.00pm - 4.00 pm

## MAYO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Mon 9.30 am - 5.00 pm, Tues 9.30 am - 6.00 pm, Wed 9.30 am - 5.00 pm, Thur 9.30 am - 6.00 pm, Fri 9.30 am - 5.00 pm

## MERLIN PARK

Mon 9.00 am - 5.00 pm; Tue 9.30 am - 5.00 pm, Wed 8.30 am - 6.00 pm, Thurs: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm, Fri: 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

## MIDLANDS REGIONAL HOSPITAL, MULLINGAR

Monday - Friday 10am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 4.30pm

## MIDLAND REGIONAL HOSPITAL, PORTLAOISE

Mon - Wed, Fri: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm  
Study room available 24/7

## MIDLAND REGIONAL HOSPITAL, TULLAMORE

9:30am - 1.00pm and 2.00 - 4:30pm Monday to Friday. 24/7 swipe access to study rooms

## NAAS GENERAL HOSPITAL

24/7 for the PCs/staff area. We hope to have the library staffed Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL, DROGHEDA

Monday to Thursday 9:30 am - 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm  
Friday 9.30 am - 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm  
Study Area Mon-Sun 7.00 am - 11.00 pm

## OUR LADY'S HOSPITAL, NAVAN

Swipe access to library 7 am - 10 pm daily. Library staffed Monday to Thursday 9 am-4 pm

## PORTIUNCULA HOSPITAL

Monday & Thursday: 9.30 am - 4.30 pm Study room available 24/7

## ROSCOMMON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Open 24/7 (unstaffed). Staffed Tues & Thurs.

## SLIGO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Monday - Tuesday 9.00 am - 5.00pm, Wednesday 9.00 am - 7.00 pm, Thursday 9.15 am - 9.30 pm, Friday 9.15 am - 4.00 pm.  
Computer area is open 24/7

## TIPPERARY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

## ST. COLUMCILLE'S HOSPITAL

Access to Library study area and PCs Monday to Friday 7am -7pm  
Library staffed Monday and Wednesday 9.15 am - 5.30 pm, Thursday 9.30 am - 5.30 pm

## ST. CONAL'S HOSPITAL LETTERKENNY

Monday - Friday from 9:30am - 5.00pm.

## ST. LUKE'S GENERAL HOSPITAL, KILKENNY

Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

## ST. LUKE'S RADIATION ONCOLOGY NETWORK (SLRON)

Monday - Friday 7.00 am - 6.00 pm

## UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL GALWAY

Mon/Tues: 8.30 am - 5.00 pm; Wed: 8.30 am - 6.30 pm; Thurs: 9.00 am - 6.30pm & Friday 8.30am - 3.00 pm

## UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL KERRY

Open 24/7 - staffed Mon - Fri: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm

## UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL LIMERICK

Open unstaffed - 24 hr swipe card access  
Staffed Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri 10.00am - 4.00pm

## UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL WATERFORD

Monday - Thursday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm; Friday 9.00 am - 3.30 pm.  
Out-of-hours access via swipe-card to Library Training Room.

## WEXFORD HOSPITAL LIBRARY

Open 24/7. Staffed Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm.

Our Virtual Assistant LAMA (Library Ask Me Anything) is available on the website 24/7 to answer simple questions about library services and access.

And our Virtual Desk is live from Monday - Friday 11.00am - 1.00pm & 3.00pm - 4.00pm . Visit [hslibrary.ie](https://hslibrary.ie) for more information.