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## **Online information literacy learning for nurses: exploration of an RCN learning area**

### **Theme: Embedding and enriching**

'Finding articles with BNI' is an information literacy learning area that looks at how to approach a literature search using BNI (British Nursing Index), a key nursing database, produced by Bournemouth University, Poole and Salisbury NHS Trusts, and the Royal College of Nursing.

The learning outcome for the area is: 'By the end of this learning opportunity you will be able to undertake a search for journal articles using BNI and print out articles available through the RCN online journals service'.

It is aimed at beginners and is designed to be intuitive, simple and fun. It is interactive and includes animation, demos, reflection points, exercises and quizzes to appeal to a range of learning styles. Learners can link to BNI to try things out as they go along and put their learning into practice. The skills and techniques learnt can also be applied to other databases.

This information literacy learning area was launched in 2005 and is available online for all Royal College of Nursing (RCN) members on the RCN Learning Zone. With a membership of over 380,000 the RCN is the largest professional association and union of nursing staff and students in the UK.

The speakers/facilitators were the authors of the learning area; both are RCN Library and Information Services staff.

This hands-on session will consist of:

- a short PowerPoint presentation providing context and background to the development of the learning area
- a 'hands on' workshop during which delegates can explore the learning area, ask questions and discuss the learning area with its authors

The demonstration/hands on session will offer delegates an opportunity to:

- Explore a high quality online learning area
- Consider if techniques and elements used in the learning area can be applied to their own practice
- Consider if the learning area may be of value to their service users
- Ask the authors questions regarding the process of creating this learning area

Additionally, delegates registering for this session will be sent a temporary password to access the learning area before and after the conference.