
Report from the SCONUL/CILIP Health Services Group (HSG)

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The new joint HSG was formed on 10 April 2006, and is part of the joint working taking place between SCONUL and CILIP. The group is intended to take forward the work of the SCONUL HSG Working Group and CILIP's Health Executive Action Group (HEAG).

The membership of the group is Paul Ayris from UCL, representing the NHS/HE Forum; Eric Davies, Chair of CILIP's Policy Development Committee; Chris Fowler from Southampton University; Kath O'Donovan from Sheffield University; Ian Snowley, CILIP President Elect, (Chair); Alan Fricker representing CILIP's Health Libraries Group; Sir John (Muir) Gray representing the National Library for Health, plus Toby Bainton (SCONUL) and Guy Daines (CILIP) as joint secretaries.

The Group agreed to focus on the following areas of work:

Response to consultation exercises

A response to the Department of Health consultation document *Informing healthier choices* has been submitted along with comments on the Public Health White Paper *Our health, our care, our say* and the Cooksey review of health research funding.

Horizon scanning/dissemination

Proposals originating from the HEAG for funding to carry out a healthcare policy mapping exercise was made to CILIP, but were not successful. The HSG will discuss alternative sources of funding for this work.

Collaborative working with other national/international groups

The group has also made contact with the (US) Medical Library Association, and hopes to carry out some joint work in the future.