Minutes of the North West Mental Health Librarians Meeting 21 st May 2013 10.00 – 12.00	Action or Lead
Venue: The Lantern Centre Preston	
Present Vicky Bramwell, John Coulshed, Bernie Hayes (minutes), Emily Hopkins, Cath McCafferty (Chair), Pippa Orr, Carmel Smith, Liz Stitt.	
<u>Apologies</u>	
David Stewart	
Minutes of the last meeting	
These were approved as a correct record.	
First Step Guide	
All sections have now been updated and a volunteer, working for LS, has compiled a document from the updated sections. This document will now need to be edited – VB will ask Adrienne to review it, to see if any changes need to be made.	VB
There was some discussion about what format the updated information should take. CM reported that Matt Holland had contacted her regarding the group collaborating with him on an online bibliography, relating to mental health and accident and emergency services. It was agreed that collaboration on an online version of the	
First Step Guide might be a good way forward. CM will contact MH.	CM
CM will also ensure that the old version of the Guide is removed from the LIHNN website, if it is still available on there.	СМ
Mental Health/Primary Care Librarians Meeting 'Joint Meeting'	
Michael Cook, Chair of the Primary Care group, had contacted CM about future joint meetings. The group discussed the potential for joint meetings and, although there is "common ground" between the two groups, it was not felt to be appropriate for the groups to merge, at this point, particularly as the PC group has quite a diverse membership and, given the recent changes in the NHS, is still developing its own agenda.	
It was agreed to try to have meetings of both groups on the same day, at the same venue, so that there would be greater potential for collaboration, particularly around areas such as joint bids for resources. It was felt that the HCLU offices in Wigan, and the Prestwich site in Manchester might be best in terms of accessibility and of availability for whole day bookings. CM to contact MC and explore possibilities.	СМ
It was also agreed that it would be useful for the minutes of both groups to be shared. CM will ask HCLU if they could add a section to the weekly bulletin to inform people that new minutes have been added to the LIHNN website.	СМ
The Reading Agency: bibliotherapy initiative	
The Reading Agency's "Reading Well" initiative is due to launch nationally at the end of May. The scheme is focused on primary care and incorporates self-help "books	

on prescription" and the 2013 Mood Boosting collection. Since the last meeting, DS had contacted the RA and confirmed that health libraries were being included in the initiative. Richard Osborn is the SHALL lead on this. BH reported that they are running the programme, in conjunction with their Occupational Health department.	
There was some discussion of other reading initiatives. VB explained their approach to the "Six Book Challenge" – they now run the "Six Book Experience", which is not time-limited and aims, therefore, to attract more of the target group (ie staff who are new to reading for pleasure or who are improving their reading skills). VB also reported that they have added quick links to the front end of their Library Catalogue, so that people can quickly see all the books in a particular collection – eg Quick Reads.	
CM asked about useage of the "experiential" collection books, purchased collaboratively earlier in the year, as, so far, there hadn't been much uptake of the collection in Mersey Care. BH has had a smaller collection for over a year and has found that there is steady use of the collection, which partly depends on bringing the books to people's attention, in particular, displaying them in prominent positions in the Library.	
Mental Health journals current awareness	
It was agreed that this only needs to be discussed annually. It will, therefore, remain as a standing item on the agenda, but will be annotated "Quarter 1" meeting, so that it is discussed in the first meeting of the year. Group members can, of course, raise any relevant points or concerns at any meeting.	СМ
Ideas for service impact measures/adding value	
There was some discussion about how people are currently measuring impact and it was agreed that it would be useful to consider how we could most effectively share this information. As a start, BH, who is attending the forthcoming Masterclasses, will report back to the group with any relevant information. CM will see if the slides from the York event that she attended can be uploaded.	ВН
CM/BH to consider if the MH Libraries wiki could be used to store examples of the process and products resulting from this work.	CM/BH
Ideas for joint bids – June 2013	
VB had recently met with Claire Honeybourne, from EBSCO, to discuss e-book services. If the group were considering joint bids for e-books in the future, then the range of possible suppliers should be considered. Group members would be interested in subscribing to an online version of the newly published DSM-V, but, as this will not be available until September, and there is no detail about accessibility or cost, it could not be considered for a joint bid at this time. VB reported that a placement student was returning to her service, during the summer, to do some research around the demand for e-books. VB will feed back the results in due	VB
VB has done some preliminary costings on promotional "reading overlays", designed to make reading easier, particularly for people with dyslexia. It was agreed to take this forward as a joint bid.	VB

The "Food for the Mind" pens are still proving very popular and JC will do the joint bid for more of these.	JC
HCLU report (by email)	
Statistics need to be in by 28 June 2013.	ALL
There is £84,000 in the LDF for this round of bids.	
Margaret O'Mahoney has been appointed as Library Manager at Southport & Ormskirk.	
National procurement is still on target.	
Library Managers meetings on 24 September 2013 and 4 March 2014.	
News from Trusts	
PO – Awaiting their Trust being integrated with Northumbria.	
LS – Still single-handed. Help from volunteers and Liverpool University student placement in the summer. LS doing 3 days in Library and 1 day in business unit.	
CS – Had LQAF visit. Outreach post still not advertised. Supposed to be approved in this financial year. Non-staff budget has been cut.	
JC - Non-staff budget also cut. Becoming more involved in Recovery & Wellbeing college and starting to look at implications of service users and carers accessing the library service.	
VB – Please see above.	
BH – Had recently undertaken the 3-day Reader Organisation "Read to Lead" training and is hoping to use the "Get into Reading" model to organise something for Trust staff. Also looking at other ways to support the Trust's staff wellbeing agenda.	
EH and CM had to leave the meeting early.	
Pizza!!	
The group finally enjoyed the reward for all the hard work on the Food for the Mind project. The £20 third prize, which the group won, in the 2011 LIHNN Quality Awards, was used to purchase a pizza lunch. The remaining £3 will be spent on biscuits for the next meeting.	ВН
Date, time and place of next meeting	
10–12, 17 th July 2013	A11
Place: Mersey Care NHS Trust, Small Seminar Room, William House, Rathbone Hospital, Mill Lane, Liverpool L13 4AW	ALL