Library Assistant

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The library assistant role provides a library and information service to all staff and students from the local healthcare community. My day-to-day role involves arranging book loans, renewals and ordering interlibrary loans. I also help to access any requested journal articles. I regularly update the library system with new users, welcoming new health board staff and updating older library accounts. I also process new books, create displays and ensure all books and learning materials are shelved correctly and are easy to find.

I enjoy how varied the role can be with lots of different tasks to complete. I like meeting a wide range of health board staff and students and being able to help them find relevant materials to support their learning and research. There are also many learning opportunities available which allows me to continually build on my professional development.

I have been part of the Medical Education department for many years, originally joining the undergraduate team before relocating to library services. The library offers many training opportunities including an NVQ in Library, Archives and Information Services and also an MSc in Information Management.

I have been part of the NHS for 18 years. I have worked in health records, radiology, the undergraduate department and now library services.

The NHS is extremely important to me, on a professional and personal level. Having free access to health care is such a privilege and the services and care that the NHS provides has helped and continues to help both myself and many people that I know. I am fortunate to be part of the NHS team, working together to support each other and to provide the best care and service possible.

We should be so proud of how much the NHS has achieved in its 75 years, how many lives this service has changed for the better, and we look forward to this continuing in the future.