



# National Library for Health - update

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# Recent progress

- Programme Board established
- Joint procurement with JISC of PLoS
- National Service Framework out for consultation
- High level architecture developed
- Early services beginning to ramp up
- Search project manager appointed
- NHS wide Document Delivery business case in development
- Early stages of discussion about Athens/Shibboleth/SSO
- BNF for children freely available on the Web
- NHS copyright license re-negotiated



# Programme Board

- **Stephen Singleton**, Medical Director, NTW SHA (chair)
- **Helen Bingham**, Chair, NHS Librarians Group (LKDN)
- **Margaret Haines**, Director of IS, Kings College
- **Jeremy Wyatt**, Professor of Health Informatics, University of Dundee
- **Russell Hamilton**, Deputy Director of R&D, Department of Health
- **Chris Batt**, Chief Executive Museums, Libraries and Archives Council
- **Diane Gwynne Smith**, Social Care Institute for Excellence



# National Service Framework

- Will define service proposition for users, and
- Standards for delivery for providers
- Will be the basis for commissioning library services from HE providers
- NHS will pay full economic cost of HE/FE library services for its staff, but only for those services it requires
- Out to consultation
- <http://www.library.nhs.uk/forlibrarians/nlhprogramme/nsf>



# High level architecture

- Service oriented
- Adopt Common Information Environment approach
- Components under development:
  - **Search** (pilots at [www.library.nhs.uk](http://www.library.nhs.uk) (federated) and [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) (GoogleSearch Appliance))
  - **Document Delivery** (Business Case and pilot)
  - **Directory** of health library units (Joint project with CILIP Health Library Group. Contract placed with IDOX)
  - **Question Answering** (pilot plus standards work)
- Components at conceptual stage
  - **SSO/Athens/Shibboleth** (1 meeting and several discussions)
  - **NHS Resolver** (may be derived from NHS A-Z journals listing)
  - **NHS Open Archive** (Expression of interest with Biomedcentral to Wellcome)
  - **Shared Library Management System** (discussion in November 2005)



# Early services

- **Web based question answering**
  - Currently offered to primary care in England
  - 80 questions per week
  - Highly positive feedback
  - Generic framework being developed
  - See [www.library.nhs.uk](http://www.library.nhs.uk)
- **RSS**
  - Trent libraries providing a current awareness service
  - Several medicines information RSS feeds, including UKMI and National Prescribing Centre
  - NICE RSS feeds
  - Beta version of directory via [www.library.nhs.uk](http://www.library.nhs.uk)
- **NHS Common User Interface** (joint programme with Microsoft)
  - Integration with Microsoft Research pane ready to go live