

MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY MEDICAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE HELD IN MEETING ROOM 712,
UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO, CHRISTCHURCH, ON TUESDAY 5th JULY 2016, AT 1PM.

Present: P Joyce (Chair), Chris Drennan, J Jordan, B Burrell, M Reid, M Currie, M McIlhone
M Walker (Librarian)
Minutes taken by:

Apologies: F Moore

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 7 June 2016

Passed.

2. Matters Arising

2.1. Divisional Review on Health Sciences Library Services Review

Consultation meetings were held in June 2016. The review team meets in the next few weeks to consider submissions.

3. Information about the online resources provided for Waikato health workers

Michael McIlhone had provided information on a news brief about online resources provided by Waikato DHB for health workers outside the DHB. The offering included Medline and CINAHL plus two full text databases - Psychology and Behavioural Sciences Collection and Health Business Elite.

The CML library committee has been looking for options for providing online content for community health workers but it was decided that the full text content provided by Waikato was probably not likely to provide value to our community. This news item showed that other DHBs are also struggling with the issue of providing library information resources for community health professionals.

4. Report to David Meates on the future of library services

There has been no response from David Meates regarding the documentation about the future of library services. It is possible that the assumption has been made that the recent review is all part of the same process.

Chris Drennan expressed the view that the committee needs guidance as to CDHB's view of the situation. Without this guidance it is difficult for CDHB committee members to participate in the governance process for library services.

The committee discussed three documents that had been sent out with the agenda:

Top 100 journals - The spreadsheets looked at the top 100 journal subscriptions and whether CML was paying one or two subscriptions for both UOC and CDHB to have access. Where CML had to pay two subscriptions the cost for CDHB tended to be higher than the cost for UOC.

Journal Packages - Many of the top 100 journals were available through journal packages.

- UOC access to packages - UOC usually had access to the whole package through a University of Otago subscription. CML only paid a small percentage of the total price of the university sub.
- CDHB access to packages – Some of the packages purchased by the university were available to CDHB (e.g. Science Direct, Ovid High Impact, and Ovid Nursing and Full Text).

Several packages weren't available in their entirety to CDHB (BMJ Journals, Nutrition Science Collection, Oxford Journals) but CML paid a second subscription to some of the most important titles in these packages so that CDHB had access.

Matt asked whether the library had looked at the cost of the whole packages for CDHB as there could be a discounted rate. Marg responded that we had looked at the full package costs in the past but moved to selected subscriptions when the package prices rose. It was probably timely to check the packages prices again in case lower package prices could be negotiated.

There was discussion around the fact that Clinical lecturers can access all of the UOC online resources using their university logins and all CDHB staff can access the resources on library computers. Jenny commented that staff expected access to key resources from their desktops.

Some of the other issues raised and discussed were:

- *Question.* Do we need such a broad collection for all of CDHB? Can't many of the issues be referred to specialists who would have access to more specialist journals through specialist associations?

Discussion: After much discussion the consensus was that all staff need access to a broad range of information in order to provide quality services. CDHB is a high performing DHB whose staff should have access to information to support continuing quality of performance.

- *Question:* Aren't we at the mercy of publishers who continue to charge exorbitant prices for journals?

Discussion: In general the prices listed for the individual subscriptions for CDHB access didn't seem inappropriate but the package prices were very high.

- *Comment:* The big concern is the prospect of having to pay two subscriptions for Science Direct (UOC + CDHB). It was noted that the usage of Science Direct by CDHB was extremely high so the cost per download was relatively inexpensive at the current price. CML pays a share of the university price so the cost for a sub for CDHB could be high.

Discussion: It appears that Elsevier have put off their requirement for CML to pay separate subs for UOC and CDHB for another year.

- *Comment:* It is very difficult to take a list of important journals and cancel a percentage of them – there are numerous issues that arise including selector bias and changing information needs.

Discussion: If possible the committee would like to look at retaining packages where possible since these made it easy for staff to access a broad range of information.

Action Points

1. Ask Auckland, or another large medical library, what they pay for a couple of journals such as Lancet.
2. Check the cost of package options when renewing subs for CDHB access.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd August 2016