



# Benefits of LIHNN Membership

Membership of LIHNN (Library and Information Health Network North West) provides members and their organisations with the following benefits.<sup>1</sup>

- **Better quality Library and Knowledge Services (LKS)** through the ongoing sharing of best practice across the region and a shared strategic outlook facilitated by networking events, the annual LIHNN sponsored quality awards and the LIHNN Newsletter (LIHNNK-Up)
- **Enhanced access to quality resources** through collaborative purchasing, the region wide inter library loan scheme and the Passport to Partnership scheme which offer economies of scale and process to member organisations
- **Increased sector and cross-sector engagement** through access to professional updates and sector communications
- **More engaged staff** through the sharing of information with peers and strengthening of networks, including special interest groups and communities of practice
- **Improved staff skills** enabled through a wide range of free at the point of access specialist CPD opportunities including training courses, online development, coaching, mentoring and access to a free staff library.
- Enabling the development of **well balanced, effective teams** through analysis of training and development needs and the sharing of best practice across the network.
- Development of a more **professional staff base** through support for professional development including funding attendance at conferences and support provided for professional registration through CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals)
- **Enhancing the reputation of North West LKS** through the development of national resources such as the MAP (Making Alignment a Priority) toolkit and the LIHNN Clinical Librarians MOOC
- Building a **professionally qualified staff base** through the provision of opportunities for CILIP Chartership candidates to build portfolios and develop the skills and experience in working with committees and managing projects.

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<sup>1</sup> Some of the points above are adapted from CILIP (2016) Benefits of Organisation Membership [Online] Available at <http://www.cilip.org.uk/cilip/membership/organisation-membership> [Accessed 29 June 2016]