Quick Start Guide to The Prevention Information and Evidence eLibrary
(P.I.E. eLibrary)

The P.I.E. eLibrary is hosted by the UK Health Forum and aims to support those working in public health. The eLibrary is a free, open access library that focuses on collecting grey literature and latest news relating to the prevention of non-communicable diseases.

Grey information (material published by organisations and governments outside commercial and academic publishing) is often widely spread across the internet, but what is great about this resource is that it gathers together all the grey literature relating to public health and brings it together in one place and indexes it. This makes it much easier to find material relating to your studies and research, therefore saving you time when searching for such information.

This guide is intended to help you start searching the database and to save, print or email articles you find.

The P.I.E. eLibrary can be accessed via this URL: http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/prevention/pie/ This website allows you to browse or advanced search its content. Take a look at the website and the guide below to see which works best for you and the research you are doing.

Browsing

As you can see on the right hand side of Figure 1, you can browse by subject and publication types. Clicking on one of these categories takes you to the result list, which is automatically ordered so the most recent items appear first.

Figure 1. P.I.E. eLibrary homepage

You can order results by clicking on the relevant column header:

Figure 2. Browsing subject type.

You can also search within results by using the search box at the top of the results page. This search box looks for terms in:

- Title field
- Author or source field
- Summary field
- Topic field
- Type of resource field

Searching

The eLibrary homepage (http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/prevention/pie/) has a search box that allows you to conduct simple or advanced searches:

Figure 3. Searching.

The category drop down box provides the option to search by categories used within the library. Each document added to the eLibrary is categorised by subject (mental health, tobacco, etc) and publications type (report, case studies, etc).

You can only select one category option at a time to search, but you can use this in conjunction with the other search fields:

Figure 4. Searching using Category drop down box.

You do not have to choose a category and can instead enter key search terms in the keyword search box. For example, entering "alcohol guidelines" will find the relevant resources:

Figure 5. Searching using just keyword search box.

All search results display at the bottom of the page, so scroll down to view them.

Tips when searching:

Remember that using synonyms (words with the same or similar meaning) and plurals of search terms can help expand your search.

The more information you input into the fields, the narrower and the more specific the results will be.

Viewing search results

From the results list click the title of the article you want to look at:

Figure 6. Accessing the full text document

This will open the record for that document. The record provides a brief summary and a link to the original website where the full text document is located.

Figure 7. Example document record.

Clicking 'Back' on the eLibrary record will take you back to eLibrary search page.

Further Help

If you need help using this or any other information resources, please contact the **Online Library** by:

Telephone at: +44 (0)20 7862 8478 (between 09.00 and 17.00 GMT),

By email at: OnlineLibrary@shl.lon.ac.uk

By the Enquiries Form at: http://onlinelibrary.london.ac.uk/about/contact-us