

Mental Health Core Collection Revision

Background

*Core Collections in Mental Health*¹ was first published in 1999 in order to provide guidance to health librarians on the key books within this field in order to support collection development.

The first edition is now significantly out of date and mental health librarians in the NHS, Higher Education and special libraries as well as health practitioners and academic staff working in mental health are invited to contribute to the development of a revised edition.

In order to consult with as wide an audience as possible nationally, *Library Thing*, an interactive 'social cataloguing' web tool, is being used to facilitate this process. The list of core titles from the last edition has been loaded onto an HLG Core Collections account as a starting point and feedback can be provided using this website.

We are keen for feedback on new titles which should be included, feedback on titles which should be omitted, and which are still relevant. Guidance on how to use this can be found on pages 2-3 of this document.

Scope

In contributing to the revision, please consider the following aims of the core collection:

- *Target audience* – UK health libraries
- *Medium* – Books only
- *Level* – to include material relevant to undergraduate, postgraduate and working health professionals, but not research.
- *Size of core collection* – There should be an average of 15 books per section

The consultation period will take place May – 30th June 2009.

Outcomes

A second print edition will be published by Tomlinsons based on the feedback from the consultation, where all contributions will be acknowledged. A web version of the collection will also be available on a new dedicated website hosted by and maintained by Tomlinsons.

¹ Tomlinsons, *Core Collections in Mental Health*, ISBN 9780953261598

How to contribute to the revised edition

1. Go to www.librarything.com
2. Log in : Username: **corecollection**, Password: **ciliphlg**
3. Select the tab Your Books

4. Click on 

Comment on the existing collection

5. Click the sub category of books you would like to comment on
6. A list of books will appear. To give your recommendations on a title double click on the comments box, add your text, and save. Please add your name to your comments.
7. Please comment if you think items should be removed from the collection – but do not delete them!

Suggest new books

1. Click on the tab **Add books**
2. Search for your book using your preferred method e.g. entering title
3. A list of titles will be generated on the right of the screen – the default catalogue is Amazon, but if the title does not appear, choose *Search Elsewhere*
4. Click on the title to add to the Mental Health Collection
5. Your title will now be at the top of a list entitled *Recently Added*
6. Click on *Edit Book* next to the title of your book
7. You will now see a record for your book, Enter your tag for your book in the Tags box - record the tag exactly as it is written on the list (see list of tags overleaf)
8. Enter comments in the *Comments* field, including your name and that this is a recommendation from you and a brief rationale. Please record your views even if another person has already made the same comment so that we can build a consensus of opinion. **Don't forget to save!**
9. If you contribute to the collection, please also send a brief e-mail to Northcroft.library@bsmhft.nhs.uk with your job role and the organisation for which you work to help us assimilate the responses and credit you in the final version.

TAGS

Please only use these tags

 Affective_Bipolar (5)	 cultural_social_psych (2)	 management_MH_services (5)	 rehabilitation (2)
 alternative_therapies (5)	 dementia (2)	 neurology (13)	 research (2)
 assessment_diagnosis (9)	 eating_disorders (3)	 neuropsychiatry_neuropsychology (5)	 schizophrenia (6)
 autism_ADHD (3)	 emergency_psychiatry (8)	 neurotic_disorders (9)	 sex_sexuality (6)
 bereavement_grief (4)	 exams_texts (14)	 occupational_therapy (4)	 stress (3)
 carers (3)	 forensic_law_ethics (15)	 personality_disorders (2)	 substance_abuse (10)
 CBT (9)	 general_psychiatry (27)	 primary_care_psychiatry (8)	 violence_aggression (6)
 Child_Adole_Family_Psych (19)	 geriatric_psychiatry (6)	 psychiatric_nursing (8)	 women_MH (2)
 clinical_effectiveness (6)	 health_promotion (3)	 psychology (4)	 (no tag) (2)
 communication (3)	 history_philosophy_psychiatry (2)	 psychopharmacology (6)	
 community_MH_services (7)	 learning_disability (9)	 psychotherapyPsychoanalysis (9)	
 counselling (8)	 liaison_psychiatryPsychosomatic_medicine (6)	 reference (1)	

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