you to keep your index up to date.

My conclusion: Website Indexing is a cookbook, and none the worse for that. It provides many useful recipes and tips, with lots of links to fascinating examples of indexing that will give you plenty to think about for your site. Indeed, one way to approach the book (which, not surprisingly, has a very detailed index, of over 600 terms) is to use it as a training course in Web indexes. I'd like to see a third edition of this excellent title with more on indexing software and more of the authors' invaluable comments on the emerging world of website indexing.

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Press Releases

Single Search Environment to join up NHS Library Services across England

A press release from
http://www.theansweruk.com/ with amendments by Claire Pillar

The NHS has begun a project to deliver a single search environment that will integrate the 'national' and 'local' information resources of NHS library services across England. The single search environment will be one of the first outputs of the emerging National Library for Health (http://www.library.nhs.uk/), an NHS-wide initiative that is designed to deliver the goal of an integrated English health library. The single search environment is a national service that is the result of collaboration between NHS library services, National electronic Library for Health (NeLH) and the National Core Content Group.

The first phase of the single search environment will be launched in November 2004, as part of Health Libraries Week, with further developments being made available from April 2005 onwards.

The single search environment will be powered by FDI's ZPORTAL solution, which will integrate NHS

resources alongside published data and deliver the resource search engine. North Bristol NHS Trust uses the ZPORTAL solution for its Knowledge4health portal, at http://www.k4h.northbristol.nhs.uk/zportal/

The North West Health Care Libraries Unit has pioneered this new initiative as Colin Davies, Deputy Director of Health Libraries North West, and leader of the project team, outlines, "The North West, like a number of other regions in England, had recognised the need to join up the library collections and information resources within their areas and had begun projects to look at making this possible. The national single search environment solution will provide a framework that each area can use to join up its local resources, plus it will put our local resources in the same place as national resources provided by the NeLH and National Core Content programmes."

The 500+ NHS Libraries in England will use the single search environment to improve information delivery to their clinical staff, including consultants, doctors and nurses - a user population of more than 680 000 clinicians and managers. Current usage figures for existing information services, that will become components of the single search environment, show usage levels already in excess of 300 000 regular users per year. As a result the project team for the single search environment are predicting very high levels of usage for the new, integrated service.

The new information service will provide clinicians with one place to go to search popular resources such as BMJ's Clinical Evidence, The Cochrane Library, Proquest full-text journals, and bibliographic databases from Dialog and EBSCO. Clinicians will access the new service using one, national website, and the system will display local resources that are relevant to where in England they are located. By incorporating the ability to localise the service each region, or NHS Library service, can select the services most appropriate for their audience and package the resources to suit the needs of their user community. The initial remit of the single search environment is to the needs of clinical staff, however the service is highly scaleable and incorporating the needs of students of the NHSU, whose target is largely non-clinical staff, is already a goal for the project team.

The new Single Search Environment for the National Library for Health was due to have its pilot launch for librarians on 11th October. From this date NHS librarians were to have the opportunity to participate in usability testing and feedback.