

SHSSB - Sexual Health eLearning Programme

Project aim:

To develop an interactive and engaging educational website containing a foundation eLearning programme and learning tools for professionals new to the area of sexual health promotion for the Southern Health and Social Services Board (SHSSB).

Project background:

Sexual health has been described as poor within Northern Ireland due to a number of factors. One of the key areas highlighted by the SHSSB pointed towards the lack of education and training available to those who are responsible for delivering sexual health education both in the Health sector and the wider community.

In an attempt to address the situation, the SHSSB wanted to explore the use of a centralised eLearning facility designed to support a broad range of professionals responsible for delivering sexual health education and advice including Health care professionals, Social workers and community based workers.

Services provided by Aurion:

Aurion's senior Instructional designer delivered a comprehensive two day 'Instructional design' training workshop to support SHSSB's content writers in converting text-based guidelines into an interactive eLearning format.



"Aurion's professional business like but friendly approach helped to create an effective working partnership which produced an excellent, high quality product we are all very proud of. Our eLearning course has received endorsements from the highest levels within Health and Social Services"

Breda Teahan, Commissioner for Health Promotion
Southern Health and Social Services Board

The Aurion team provided key educational design input in relation to the overall site design, programme layout, assessment design as well as advising on and incorporating additional learner support applications to facilitate networking and information sharing.

Aurion supported SHSSB in co-ordinating a high-profile media launch of the new eLearning site with an attendance of over 100 Health and Voluntary care professionals.

Aurion continue to support the SHSSB team in the design of ongoing classroom based workshops to support online learners and in the rollout of the programme with all Health and Social Boards in NI.

Product features:

SexeLearning is a vibrant and creatively designed eLearning environment that addresses the issue of sexual health in a sensitive and delicate manner across 8 hours of highly interactive mixed-media eLearning.

The 'Learn' 'Share' and 'Support' approach provides a unique context where learners can learn online, share and exchange information with others whilst continuing to revisit the site to gain access to additional support material.

Six learning modules provide for a unique approach to supporting sexual health educators in a practical way. For example,

- A learning portfolio allows learners to 'save' key exercises for later referral.
- 'Pit stop' areas provide for reflection and discussion topics at key points in the programme.
- Interactive exercises throughout the programme and Summary points at the end of each module help to reinforce learning.

Client benefits:

Exceeding our year one target of 250 active learners, the SHSSB's sexeLearning online resource is directly addressing a key area of sexual health education that was previously very limited and confined to small regional groupings.

The 'Share' area brings together and facilitates a supportive network of sexual health educators throughout Northern Ireland who can share experiences and best practice.

www.sexeLearning.co.uk has been short listed for the Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services Quality Awards 2007.