



Library and Knowledge Services for ICB staff

Welcome to the July 2026 edition of Information Spotlight. This newsletter highlights the services provided by the Library and Knowledge Service team based at King's Mill Hospital. The Library and Knowledge Service (LKS) offers support to staff working in Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB and the Public Health teams in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County. The team works collaboratively with the ICB Research and Evidence team.

This edition includes information on the Midlands Evidence Repository (MIDER), evidence searches and training feedback, online guides to finding evidence-based information, and staffing changes.

If you have any questions or require further information on any of the items, please contact us.

Midlands Evidence Repository (MIDER)

We manage the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Primary Care collection within the [Midlands Evidence Repository \(MIDER\)](#).

MIDER is the result of a merger between the East Midlands Evidence Repository (EMER) and the West Midlands Evidence Repository (WMER). It serves as the institutional research repository for 21 NHS Trusts across the Midlands and is managed by a consortium of Midlands NHS Knowledge and Library Services. Its purpose is to enhance the visibility and discoverability of NHS research by capturing, storing, and providing access to research outputs and other non-traditional publications produced by NHS organisations in the region. Wherever possible, full-text publications are made available through open-access, and the repository continues to expand as new collections are added. The site is freely available, and no login is required.



MIDER allows you to search by research area of interest or by NHS organisation. You can also search by author, subject, journal, date, and more. Author profiles can also link to existing ORCID researcher profiles.

If you are a researcher, it is an ideal place to showcase your work and make it more easily searchable and accessible to colleagues across the Midlands, the NHS and internationally.

If you would like to add any research to the repository, or set up an author profile, please contact us.



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Midlands Evidence Repository

Welcome to the Midlands Evidence Repository (MIDER).

We value your feedback

Once we have completed an evidence search or delivered an information skills training session, we would like to email you an online evaluation form which will only take a couple of minutes to fill out and submit. Evaluation forms for evidence searches will normally be sent out a couple of months after you receive the search results, enabling us to find out how the information has been used.

The responses you provide will be useful in ensuring that the services we deliver are continuously improving. Thank you to all those who have completed evaluation forms so far - your feedback is greatly appreciated.



Staffing update

In June we bade a fond farewell to Mandy Tidswell, one of our Knowledge and Evidence Managers, who has retired after over 30 years in the health library sector and eight years with the Library and Knowledge Service at SFHT. Mandy will be familiar to many of you who have used our evidence search service or taken part in one of our training sessions, and we would like to wish her all the best for her retirement.

We are pleased to announce that Michelle Bendall has been recruited to the vacant Knowledge and Evidence Manager position. Michelle has a wealth of knowledge and experience, having previously worked for the Service as our Evidence Support Librarian. We look forward to welcoming her back!

Guides

We have produced several guides to assist ICB staff in finding the latest evidence-based information. The guides are all available on our website:

- [Finding information: Where to start? A quick guide for ICB staff](#) – provides an overview of where to look, what resources are available and how to keep up to date.
- [Finding case studies: a quick guide for Public Health and ICB staff](#) – includes information on where to find case studies, hints and tips for searching, a case study sources checklist, and an example case studies results table.
- [Introducing the NHS Knowledge and Library Hub](#) – a short overview of the NHS Knowledge and Library Hub.
- [E-journals guide for ICB staff](#) – a step-by-step guide to accessing and finding electronic journals and articles on the NHS Knowledge and Library Hub.



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