

### Library and Knowledge Services for ICB staff

Welcome to the January 2025 edition of Information Spotlight. This newsletter highlights the services provided by the Library and Knowledge Services 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 evidence search training, X (Twitter), our evidence search service, our new evidence search request form, and the East Midlands Evidence Repository (EMER).

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

### Evidence Search Training

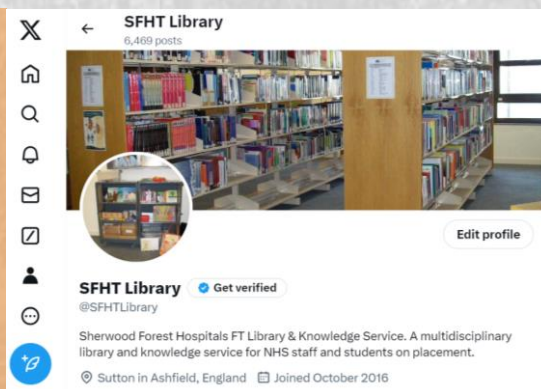
You can request to do one or more of our evidence search training sessions. The one-to-one sessions are delivered on Teams and include:

- Finding the Evidence (approx. 45 mins)**  
 This session looks at how to find the evidence including where to start and the different types of evidence to look for and provides useful advice and guidance on how to get the best results from your search including how to develop a search strategy.
- Introduction to the [NHS Knowledge and Library Hub](#) (45 mins)**  
 The Hub connects healthcare staff and learners to high-quality, NHS-funded evidence resources in one place using a single search. We show you how to use the Hub and all its features such as undertaking a search, applying limits, using folders and saving your results.
- Advanced searching using Medline (1 hour)**  
 This training session shows you how to search effectively on the Medline bibliographic database. The focus of the session is on developing and applying a search strategy to get the most relevant results including how to use Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and free-text keywords. We will also show you how to save and export your results.

We can tailor these sessions to a search question of your choice, although we do have a generic question that we can use. If you are currently working on an evidence search question(s), these sessions may help you to make a start with the searching process and you can save the search results to use at a later time.

### Library and Knowledge Service on X (Twitter)

Our X (Twitter) account is a great way of keeping up to date with all the latest news from the Service, including training courses, new library stock, national campaigns, signposting to useful resources, staff news and much more. Follow us [@SFHTLibrary](#).



## Evidence Search Service

The LKS evidence search service aims to deliver high-quality information to support you in your local clinical and commissioning decisions. Depending on the information request(s), evidence searches include one or more of the following:

- Clinical guidelines e.g. NICE
- Academic research e.g. systematic reviews, RCTs, and peer-reviewed journal articles
- Reports and grey literature
- Local and national case studies of services and/or interventions, including their impact and challenges

To request an evidence search, please visit our website to download a [request form](#) and email it back to [library.sfht@nhs.net](mailto:library.sfht@nhs.net). Alternatively, you can contact [Mandy.tidswell@nhs.net](mailto:Mandy.tidswell@nhs.net) and [Yvonne.finnigan1@nhs.net](mailto:Yvonne.finnigan1@nhs.net).

Please note that if there is a high demand for evidence searches, we may not be able to start your search straightaway. Once we receive your request form, we recommend having a brief meeting via Teams to discuss the evidence search.

### New! Evidence Search Request Form

We have devised a new request form to make it easier for you to tell us the requirements of your evidence search. It includes questions relating to background information, phrasing your enquiry as a question or series of questions, and listing of relevant keywords. When submitting an evidence search request, please remember to use the new form which you can download from our [website](#).



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### East Midlands Evidence Repository (EMER)

The [East Midlands Evidence Repository \(EMER\)](#) is a digital, open-access collection of research articles produced by NHS staff in the East Midlands, including those working in Primary Care in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and the ICB. It also includes publications from research studies that have taken place in primary care in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. This is also an ideal place to showcase your innovation, evaluation, quality improvement and clinical audit work and make it more easily searchable and accessible. You can also set up your own profile. The site is freely available, and no login is required. If you have published an article or produced a poster or presentation for a conference and would like it to be included on EMER, please let us know.

A promotional poster is available to [download](#).

