



Annual Library and Knowledge Service Questionnaire

In October we will be running our very first Annual Library and Knowledge Service Questionnaire.

This is *YOUR* opportunity to tell us how you use the service and how we can make it even better for you.

If you DON'T use the service, we want to hear from you too.

Tell us why not and how we might change your mind. The more you tell us, the better we can get!

You will also have the chance to enter our prize draw to win a £25 Amazon voucher.



The survey will be available online and we will be sending out the website address at the beginning of October.

We'll be waiting to hear from you!

Evidence Searching

What is an evidence search?

An evidence search is a detailed and organised, step by step search for all the material available on a topic.

Why would I want one?

A Literature Search can support you in many aspects of work and CPD. Perhaps you are working on a service development project or audit, maybe you are writing a presentation or publication? You could be involved in commissioning a service or just want more information about a condition, or a new drug or therapy. An evidence search can provide you with the information you need for this, and will save you the time of having to do it for yourself.

What do you search?

It depends on the topic you want us to search for. We will look on all the relevant medical databases such as Medline,

Embase, Emcare, CINAHL, Pubmed etc and any specialist resources that are relevant to your subject. We can also widen the search when there are no obvious specific resources for that topic, searching Google and other grey literature resources when required.

We leave no stone unturned!



How long will it take?

We ask for 10 days' notice, just in case we're really busy or your search is very complex, but we are usually much faster than that.

How do I ask for one?

You can request a literature search by completing our online form: <http://www.knowledgenw.nhs.uk/Literature-Search/Pages/Request-a-Literature-Search.aspx>



A REMINDER - Use it or lose it

We have subscribed to *Drugs and Therapeutics Bulletin* on a TRIAL basis.

You can access online using <https://journals.nice.org.uk/> with your OpenAthens Account. We monitor usage statistics for all the journals we

subscribe to and use the information to inform our decisions on which subscriptions to renew and which ones to cancel.

DISCOVERY

We have put the link to Discovery at the very centre of the Library and Knowledge Service Homepage. This is because it's a great way to quickly search the library catalogue, our online journal collection and free online resources all in one quick easy search, rather than having to



look in lots of different places. To do a basic search, just enter your search terms into the Discovery search box on our homepage at:

<http://www.knowledge-nw.nhs.uk>

You will still need to log in to your OpenAthens account to view online journal articles. Look for the OpenAthens log in link on your Discovery Results page.

More advanced search options are also available if you wish to use them and you can find a basic guide to making the most out of Discovery on our website here: -
<http://www.knowledge-nw.nhs.uk/Documents/Guides/DISCOVERY.pdf>

CRITICAL APPRAISAL

Want to improve your critical appraisal skills, or interested in running a journal club but aren't sure where to start?

The Clinical Librarian can provide tailored critical appraisal training and help advise on setting up and running journal clubs.

The training can be anything from a brief overview to a full three hour sessions (either all at once or over a number of weeks). The depending on time and your requirements the sessions will cover topics such as using checklists to help you structure your appraisal and ask the right questions when you read, identifying bias and methodological flaws in research design, a basic introduction to understanding some of the more useful statistics and practical appraisal of a selected journal article of interest.

If you just want to brush up on your skills or prefer to learn in your own time you will find lots of resources and guides to critical appraisal at the bottom of our Critical Appraisal Training Page:
<http://www.knowledge-nw.nhs.uk/Training/Pages/Critical-Appraisal.aspx>

Hello! I'm *Yvonne Stubbington*, your Outreach Librarian. I can provide literature searches, and training on all of our online information resources, as well as critical appraisal training. As you work in the community and may not be able to get to us at Whiston Hospital, I can come to you to carry out training on a one to one or group basis.



To find out how the Outreach Librarian Service can help you and your team, go to:

<http://www.knowledge-nw.nhs.uk/Training/outreach-librarian-services>

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I look forward to hearing from you



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