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## Background and Purpose

- **Brief Background** In September 2021, a proof-of-concept vanguard was launched, with 15 pilot test sites across England appointing a Primary Care Evidence Support Librarian initially for a 2-year fully funded term. In Nottingham and Notts this was later funded for a further year by the ICB.
- **Purpose:** to enable primary care staff to access and use evidence from published research and best practice, to underpin decision making.

## Aims and Objectives

- Saving staff time
- Supporting evidence-based practice
- Evidence and literature searches to improve your learning
- Evidence to improve your business/ practice
- Guidance on accessing e-resources/ using OpenAthens
- Training/ refreshers on database searching and using electronic resources
- Current Awareness – regular email updates on specific areas of interest
- Enquiry service
- Document supply service

## Training

Group and 1-2-1 teaching sessions were offered



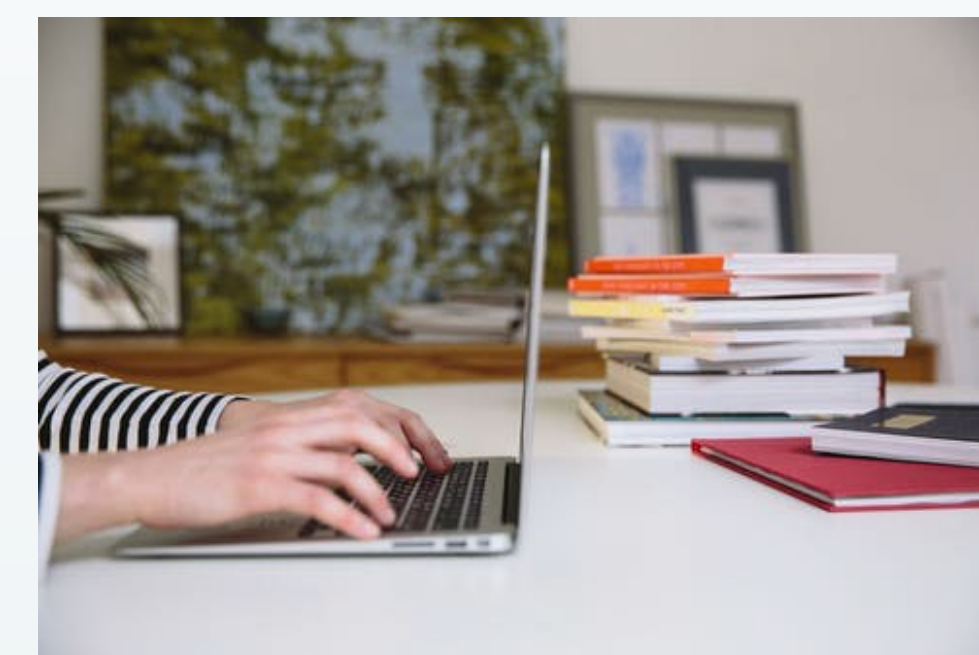
### Regular training sessions:

- Basic Literature Searching using the NHS Knowledge and Library Hub
- Advanced Database searching
- Easy Access to Journal Articles
- Introduction to BMJ Best Practice point-of-care clinical tool



## Additional training sessions tailored for particular groups:

- Poster Design and Writing for Publication
- Introduction to Infographics
- Health Literacy Awareness
- Critical appraisal of qualitative research
- Getting suitable literature for your project



## Literature/ Evidence Searches

### Literature/ Evidence searches were carried out for :

- Patient care
- Support projects e.g. GP Fellowships
- Support updates to guidelines/ Clinical pathway design
- Research
- Writing for publication
- Inform/ update training sessions



### Examples of searches:

- Methods of engaging patients with prediabetes, and empowering patient knowledge of prediabetes
- Using digital communications to assist with patient engagement with their care
- Barriers to patients using statins/lipid lowering drugs in primary care
- Targeted Lung Health Checks and DNAs/non-attendance in the UK
- Is occupational therapy group work in a community setting effective in adults experiencing mental health difficulties?
- What is the return on investment/ cost benefit of CPD for primary care staff?
- Methods/approaches to Training Needs Analyses, for primary care/healthcare
- Assessment and management of frozen shoulder
- DNA rates and reasoning in mental health services in the UK. Whether there are any correlations /strategies to address in FCP MH roles



## Results and Impact

### Particular support was offered to:

**Phoenix Programme** – Mid career and Senior Career GP Fellows  
Evidence searches to support projects, enquiry service, group teaching sessions and bespoke 1-2-1 teaching sessions



- **General Practice Nurse Fellowship** - Teaching sessions on “An Introduction to Evidence Support Services”, “Basic Literature Searching using the NHS Knowledge and Library Hub” and “Advanced Database Searching (Cinahl)”
- **Non-clinical fellowship** - Teaching sessions on “Getting Suitable Literature for your Project”, “How to Produce a Poster to Showcase Non-Clinical Projects” and “A Basic Introduction to Canva”
- **Trailblazer GPs** - Tailored “Basic and Advanced Literature Searching” teaching sessions

### Other staff groups:

- Senior Career GPs – Introduction to Infographics
- Research Community of Practice – Evidence searches
- CDA – Evidence searches for members of the CDA
- ACPs - Series of teaching sessions on basic and advanced literature searching
- Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians – tailored teaching sessions
- Dieticians – tailored teaching session
- ARRs roles
- OT Governance meeting
- Hybrid placement students

## Statistics

### Overall Statistics for the project:

- 107 Literature/ Evidence searches carried out
- 114 Training sessions delivered
- 469 people received training

### Statistics by year:



## Anonymous Feedback

“Found the course really helpful to help me with my project”

“Thank you – informative, helpful and well delivered”

“Was great and straight to the point”

“I was not aware of the NHS Knowledge and Library Hub before this session. I have now been able to share this information with my colleagues”

“It will save so much time and help with future learning”

“It was brilliant thank you just what I needed!”

“Great presentation. Really appreciate it”

“Very efficient and thorough service, thank you”

## Conclusion and Future Direction

### Conclusion:

Embedding an evidence-support librarian in primary care has enhanced clinical decision-making by providing timely, tailored access to high-quality research and evidence-based resources, ultimately improving patient outcomes and supporting efficient, informed practice.

### Next Steps:

- Evidence Support page on the NATH website will remain in situ for signposting
- Recordings of all regular teaching sessions will be available on the NATH website
- Access to core content will still be available. For more information on which resources you have access to, go to: <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/knowledge-and-library-services-for-notts-ics/>