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Bringing knowledge to the Commissioner's desktop

Library, Information & Knowledge Services

This is the final briefing for 2012 for CCG staff in Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

We hope you have found the previous 3 bulletins (TIA, Neurological Disability and COPD) of some use and that they have given you a taste of the range of information resources available. All the bulletins are available on the Keylink library pages at http://nww.keylink.sotw.nhs.uk/content.aspx?_taxonomyid=6019

Please email library@sotw.nhs.uk if you have a topic you would like us to feature next year.

Literature Searching - Where to start looking for information

N. B. To access many of our resources you may need to register for an NHS Athens username and password. <https://register.athensams.net/nhs/nhseng/>

Important If you are using a non-NHS computer or email address, your registration could be delayed for up to 15 days

The NHS has a number of resources available to staff to help them find evidence and best practice examples to support their work and research needs. The range of resources available includes:

Clinical Databases – these are databases of references to articles published. They can find specific medical and non-medical topics using either keywords or Medical Subject Headings.

Clinical databases may have different purposes, e. g., patient management, clinical research, and quality control.

Amed - complementary medicine, palliative care, and several professions allied to medicine.

BNI - a comprehensive index covering all aspects of nursing, midwifery and community healthcare from 1985 to the present, and is updated monthly

CINAHL with full text - CINAHL covers all aspects of nursing and allied health disciplines

Embase - The Excerpta Medica database (EMBASE) is a major biomedical and pharmaceutical database indexing over 3,500 international journals in the following fields: drug research, health policy and management, public health, occupational health, environmental health, drug dependence and abuse, psychiatry.

HMIC - The Health Management Information Consortium (HMIC) database is a compilation of data from two sources, the Department of Health's Library and Information Services and King's Fund Information and Library Service.

Medline - MEDLINE™ is the United States National Library of Medicine's (NLM™) premier bibliographic database providing information from the following fields: Medicine, Veterinary medicine, Nursing, Allied health, Dentistry, Pre-clinical sciences

PsycINFO - The PsycINFO database provides extensive international coverage of the literature on psychology and allied fields.

EBSCO Host

Health Business Elite

Health Business Elite provides comprehensive journal content detailing all aspects of health care administration and other non-clinical aspects of health care institution management.

Emerald Management - is an award-winning resource focused on management.

[Looking for evidence?](#)

NHS Evidence is a web site that enables access to a range of resources to support staff from across the NHS, public health and social care sectors in their day to day work and to support research and evidence based practice. <http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/>

Most but not all of the Clinical Databases mentioned above are also available via NHS Evidence.

The Cochrane Library is a collection of six databases that contain different types of high-quality, independent evidence to inform healthcare decision-making, currently only available via <http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/>

[Journal Collections](#)

Full Text Journals

This is an A -Z listing service which gives users access to all electronic and print full text journals holdings that have been purchased on their behalf. Full text journals and locally available journal subscriptions are available at:

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/booksandjournals/journals/default.aspx>

NHS Athens may be required for some journals.

Journal collections include:

Proquest - provides access to a large collection of full text electronic journals. Over 850 full text titles are available supporting all aspects of healthcare.

BMJ Collection online journals – includes BMJ, Gut, Heart, Tobacco Control, Evidence Based Medicine and others.

LANCET – Full text access to the Lancet.

New England Journal of Medicine - Full text access from 2008 to date.

[Additional Resources available via the internet](#)

TRIP Database - this is a clinical search engine designed to allow users to easily find high-quality research evidence to support their practice and/or care.

As well as research evidence it also allows clinicians to search across other content types including images, videos, patient information leaflets, educational courses and news.

<http://www.tripdatabase.com/>

PRODIGY (formerly CKS) is a reliable source of evidence-based information and practical 'know how' about the common conditions managed in primary care.

PRODIGY is aimed at healthcare professionals working in primary and first-contact care.

<http://prodigy.clarity.co.uk/home>

Additional library services include:

Current awareness services

Information Skills

Help with literature searching

On-line library catalogue (includes NHS libraries in the NE region)

Book Loans

Inter-library Loans

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Library intranet pages http://nww.keylink.sotw.nhs.uk/content.aspx?_taxonomyid=958

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