

## Specialist librarians bring the evidence to inform #AMillionDecisions across healthcare

Healthcare is a knowledge industry; transformation, efficiency and innovation in the NHS depend upon shared learning and effective use of evidence and knowledge.

NHS librarians and knowledge specialists are business critical. They use their expertise to work with healthcare teams to ensure the use of the right evidence and knowledge.

**Cathryn James**, clinical librarian working alongside clinical and managerial teams on the Renal Ward, Royal Derby Hospital to source relevant evidence at the point of need.



### Questions for NHS organisations to consider

- Am I confident that **robust evidence** underpins decision-making within my organisation?
- Can all staff within the Trust **readily access** the evidence and knowledge they need to do their jobs well, day by day?
- Do we encourage staff to **share learning** from experience?
- Do we make **good use** of the **expertise** of our NHS librarians and knowledge specialists?
- Am I aware of the range of **skills** and **knowledge** offered by librarians?
- Would it be helpful to schedule a **conversation** with an NHS library and knowledge service representative to work through the **HEE Evidence and Knowledge Self-Assessment Tool** and agree new priorities for the service?

*“If you want to know the answer ask a Librarian! Library and Knowledge Services are the hidden gem in our NHS. They can play a crucial role in making sure we always make decisions based on evidence”*

**Rob Webster**, STP Lead for West Yorkshire Chief Executive South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust



## Recent headlines

### Librarian input essential to achieve £1.9 million in savings

*“I would recommend that all change management committees consider including a librarian in their meetings.”*

**Deb Bolton**, Clinical Procurement Manager working with Clinical Librarian at Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust

### Releasing 303 hours of a Senior Midwife’s time



*“The librarian has saved me time... they are able to find evidence where I think there is none to be found.”*

**Gaynor Armstrong**, Governance Lead Midwife, working with library staff at George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust

### Librarian alerts clinician to innovative treatment

The evidence is translated leading to more effective treatment, reduced length of stay and improved patient outcomes.

*“After writing up the first patient 8 more patients occurred and responded to octreotide in 5 days.”*

**Dr V. Varney**, Consultant Physician, working with librarian at Epsom and St. Helier NHS Trust



## Realise multiple benefits from working with your librarian and knowledge specialist

Use your specialist librarians to:

- inform day to day decisions
- release clinician time
- build the evidence for your business case
- save money and create efficiencies
- encourage knowledge mobilisation to drive learning and innovation
- find the best available evidence to support the best possible care

## Find out more:

#AMillionDecisions  
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