

## Evidence for Quality Improvement

### Why is evidence important?

If you know your problem and have some data to show it exists, why examine a wider evidence base? Expanding your knowledge of the best quality and most recent evidence will:

- ◆ Provide you with context around the issue
- ◆ Help eliminate bias and improve objectivity of the project
- ◆ Potentially discover previously tested approaches
- ◆ Develop your change ideas



### How to get the evidence

You can ask our Library & Knowledge Services to find it for you! Our team of qualified and experienced librarians are expert searchers, who will find you the best evidence available – saving you time and improving your project!

To request a search:

- ◆ **Complete the online form**  
<https://healthacademy.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/library/literature-search/>
- ◆ **Email:** [policies@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:policies@lthtr.nhs.uk)
- ◆ If you would like to speak to us about your project, please contact us and we can arrange a telephone call or virtual meeting



### What information do the library team need?

- ◆ Detailed information about your project is great... but if you can come up with some questions you're hoping to find answers to, that would be even better – this helps the library team focus on what you really need. Often, a conversation with you will also be incredibly helpful
- ◆ Your deadline (the library team will be able to provide an approximate timescale for your search)
- ◆ Your contact details

## What will the library team do?

- ◆ A qualified and experienced librarian will conduct your search
- ◆ They will search a range of sources for the most relevant and best quality evidence
- ◆ They will then email you a summary of the evidence, including relevant full text documents (depending on the nature of your project, these may include research, grey literature, guidelines, reports, websites and best practice from other Trusts)

## What happens once I receive my results?

You can:

- ◆ Request more information or a different search
- ◆ Book critical appraisal training to help you evaluate the quality of the evidence found
- ◆ Request any other full text documents you need
- ◆ Request a follow-up search 6 months later to find any new evidence

## Where can I find more information, resources and support?

### **Subject Collection**

Our subject collection on continuous improvement can be viewed online:

<https://healthacademy.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/library/library-subject-collections/continuous-improvement/>

This provides up to date information on relevant books we stock in the Trust library, e-journals subscribed to by the Trust and links to other publications and websites on quality improvement

### **Library Training**

If you would like to learn how to search the literature to locate evidence for your projects, we can provide any training you need. Visit our library training webpage for more information:

<https://healthacademy.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/library/library-training/>

