

Evidence Searches conducted in 2025-26 by the Library and Knowledge Service

178 evidence searches were conducted by the Berkshire Healthcare Library and Knowledge Service in the financial year 2025-2026.

Most searches were conducted for the purpose of clinical decision-making including patient care (table 1). Search purposes are categorised by their primary purpose, although some searches have multiple purposes. Requests increased from Administrative and Clerical, with a roughly even spread across other staff groups (table 2). This may be because we have worked more closely with L&OD, R&D and other teams who have submitted multiple searches on a particular project.

Table 1: Primary purpose (NHS England criteria)

Clinical decision making (inc. patient care)	83
Research / education / prof. development	47
Knowledge management / management decision making	43
Patient info: health & wellbeing	5

Table 2: Staff groups requesting searches (NHS England staff groups)

Additional clinical services	24
Additional Professional, Scientific and Technical	23
Administrative and clerical	66
Allied health professionals	33
Local authority (including Public Health – clinical and non-clinical)	3
Medical and dental	12
Nursing and midwifery	17

Search topics for searches with the main purpose of Research/education/professional development:

- Best practice and tools for effective facilitation including the use of PowerPoint slides and sending out slides as handouts.
- Effectiveness of learning styles, e.g. MBTI.
- Treatment resistant PTSD in veteran population and general population.
- Cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome.
- Eating disorders in the Black African/Caribbean and South Asian community.
- AKI (Acute Kidney Injury) and Heart Failure (HF).
- SBAR and handover written clinical accounts
- Smoking and drinking while on psychiatric treatments (dark occupations)
- How do cultural/ethnic/religious factors influence family based treatment for anorexia nervosa (FT-AN) for children and young people?

- Myth of meritocracy
- Equality impact assessments
- To what extent do different drugs cause drug induced psychosis?
- The impact of suicide on family members and subsequent mental disorders in family members impacted by suicide.
- Guidelines or recommendations for manual handling in the community i.e. from the patient's family.
- Factors which increase the likelihood of rereferrals to the Wheelchair service.
- Management of hip dislocation or subluxation in dystonic patients.
- The psychological impact of functional neurological disorders.
- Contracture management, particularly how patients with contractures can be supported to maintain good posture, drive and remain mobile.
- The impact of positioning on swallowing, digestion and organ function.
- Dementia and personality disorders.
- Holistic patient-centred care in Type 2 diabetes and LTC. The epidemiology and the effects on families and caregivers.
- Posture management, postural care and contracture management in elderly care settings.
- Creative methodologies for conducting and disseminating research with people with learning disabilities.
- Is making a diagnosis of dementia in a general hospital safe and desirable and is there movement towards this internationally and in the UK?
- IV drug use and the relationship with heart/cardiac/heart valve problems.
- Link between mental illness and physical illness and the challenges service users face to access physical health services leading to physical health deterioration.
- Health librarian experiences of teaching.
- Support that is recommended for Internationally Educated professionals as they adjust to their roles in the UK.
- Reducing waiting lists for CGA's or for appointments both urgent and routine.
- How do personal, educational and workplace factors affect Allied Health Professionals' choice to enter mental health practice after qualification?
- Resources for administrative and professional staff on: accounting, business cases, decision-making, problem solving, influencing others, project management, customer service, managing people, organisational skills, multi-tasking and time management.
- How to improve the diabetes service while looking after diabetic patients within community through district nursing.
- Falls prevention programs.
- Prevention and management of clozapine induced constipation in inpatients.
- Using voting technology to engage students in large groups.
- Journal searches for: emotional regulation/dysregulation in teenagers/adults with eating disorders, disordered eating, and experiences of practice supervisors.

Please **contact the Library and Knowledge Service team** if you would like any information or the search topics in other categories.

