GSQIA Quick Guide
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Step-by-step guide to
Evidence in QI

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 to the issue
- Help eliminate bias and improve objectivity of the project
- Potentially discover previously tested approaches
- Develop your change ideas

Using the best available evidence is also one of the pillars of evidence-based practice for *all* healthcare professionals.

How to get the evidence?

Easy – ask our Library & Knowledge Services to find it for you.

Our team of qualified and experienced librarians are expert searchers, who will not only find you the best evidence available, but will also summarise the results – saving you time and improving your project!

To request a search

- **Complete the online form** https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/work-for-us/training-staff/library-and-knowledge-service/request-literature-search/
- Phone ext 6495 and speak to the team
- Email ghn-tr.GHNHSFTLibrary@nhs.net

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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.
- Your deadline and the reason for the search (i.e. proposed QI Silver project).
- 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 summarised report of the evidence, including relevant full text documents (depending on the nature of your project, these may include research, grey literature, guidelines, reports, websites, best practice from other Trusts, and policies).

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.