



Spotlight on Knowledge for Healthcare

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Welcome to this issue, providing news and information for NHS staff and learners, helping you to make the most of your NHS knowledge and library service for lifelong learning, research, innovation and everyday decision making.

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A message from Louise Goswami, Chief Knowledge Officer, NHS England



April and May have been busy months for NHS Knowledge and Library Services. We have onboarded the South West and North East onto new Library Management Systems, so all eight regional systems are hosted by the same supplier.

This ensures that NHS staff and learners now have the same experience wherever they go in England with streamlined access to library books and journals purchased by the NHS for the NHS, improving rapid access to high-quality evidence and knowledge. You can find out more about [library resources and services for specific professions and specialisms on our website](#).

I was delighted to hear that the quality of the training and development opportunities offered via the Knowledge for Healthcare Learning Academy were recognised with accreditation by our professional association CILIP. We also welcomed the announcement from NHS England and the Federation for Informatics Professionals in Health and Social

Care (FEDIP) about a progressive commitment to encourage professional recognition for the NHS Digital, Data and Technology workforce, of which knowledge and library staff are a part. We already have close links with our own professional body, CILIP, and encourage all health knowledge and library staff to engage in professional development and work towards professional registration.

Professional development and recognition ensure the delivery of high quality, impactful and ethical service delivery by highly specialised staff. This is demonstrated in our case study about how comprehensive evidence was supplied by a clinical librarian which has led to an improvement in patient experience undergoing dialysis, reducing visits to primary care for vaccinations. Our good practice example from University Hospitals of Derby and Burton demonstrates a commitment to inclusive recruitment, highlighting how structured professional development leads to a workforce that is diverse, skilled, and sustainable.

National Recognition for the Knowledge for Healthcare Learning Academy

The Knowledge for Healthcare Learning Academy has been awarded CILIP accreditation, recognising the Academy as a high-quality provider of professional learning for library, information and knowledge staff. CILIP is the professional body for the sector, and its accreditation confirms the Academy's role as an employer-led centre of excellence for workforce development.

Following a rigorous independent assessment, the Academy was recognised for delivering high-quality, employment-relevant learning. Assessors highlighted the Academy's strong, evidence-based approach to identifying workforce development needs and its ability to translate these into an engaging, high-quality learning experience.

Through its specialist, tailored training programme, the Knowledge for Healthcare Learning Academy continues to build the skills, expertise and confidence of the health knowledge and library workforce. This ensures staff are well equipped to meet the evolving needs of the healthcare system, enabling evidence-informed decision-making, learning, research and innovation, ultimately contributing to improved healthcare and population health outcomes.

International Nurses Day 2026

[NHS knowledge and library services curate a collection of books, journals and databases](#) to help nurses to develop their skills, undertake research and maintain their lifelong learning. This includes nursing resources like CINAHL, Emcare and the Royal Marsden Manual. [International Nurses Day](#) is an opportunity to remind all nurses, midwives and health care support workers to connect with their local NHS knowledge and library specialist.

Not just for study, your local librarian [can help you throughout your career](#), finding evidence to inform your quality improvement projects, care pathway redesigns and assist with your revalidation.

[View our animation](#), [get in touch with your local service](#) or [drop us a line](#) to find out more.

Coming up: Libraries Change Lives

2026 is the National Year of Reading and the national [Libraries Change Lives](#) campaign, taking place the first week of June, has a focus upon literacy and reading.

NHS knowledge and library specialist staff are advocates for [improving health and information literacy](#), they provide useful tools and training to improve readability of information for patients and combat misinformation. By maintaining calm, safe spaces they enable learning and reflection, provide

information and study skills training and use their professional skills to present complex evidence in accessible decision-ready formats, saving health care staff time.

[Contact your local NHS library service](#) or [get in touch](#) to find out more about what your NHS knowledge and library specialist can do to change your life.

Coming up: A new look to CINAHL and Medline on EBSCOHost

If you search CINAHL or Medline through EBSCOHost, look out for changes to the platform coming in July 2026. For a summary of what to expect, and some pointers about the things you might want to do ahead of time, take a look at this [service desk article](#). More detailed information will be circulated by your local NHS knowledge and library service or via NHS OpenAthens nearer the time.

Resource of the month: Integrating BMJ Best Practice with patient record systems

BMJ Best Practice is an evidence-based, clinical decision support tool that provides healthcare professionals with continually updated, reliable information on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of medical conditions. It is provided by NHS England for all healthcare staff and learners. For more information see [here](#).

When BMJ Best Practice is integrated with electronic health record systems, healthcare professionals have easy access to the latest clinical information within the patient workflow, helping to improve outcomes.

Four new case studies show the benefits:

- [Transforming my daily clinical practice](#)
- [Improving confidence, consistency and efficiency in Acute Medicine](#)
- [Driving clinical impact through librarian-led integration](#)

- [A game-changer for clinical decision making, a CCIO's experience](#)

NHS England's Blueprinting programme has also published a Blueprint showcasing the work to integrate [BMJ Best Practice into Epic at Cambridge University Hospitals](#). To view the Blueprint, and other case studies in the programme, join the [Blueprinting workspace](#) on NHS Futures.

Hantavirus: BMJ Best Practice topic

Hantavirus is in the news at the moment following an outbreak on a cruise ship. The [BMJ Best Practice topic](#) on the subject is comprehensive but has also been updated with important information relating to the current situation.

Have you got your NHS OpenAthens key to unlock knowledge resources?

To make the most of the [national collection of e-books, e-journals, databases and clinical decision support tools](#) check you have an active NHS OpenAthens account.

[Sign-up here](#) or [refresh your password](#).



Search, find, read with the [NHS Knowledge and](#)

Partnership Perfection: Recognising the Knowledge, Library and Information Management Profession

NHS England have announced a [progressive commitment](#) to encourage professional recognition for the NHS Digital, Data and Technology Workforce. As part of this workforce, Knowledge, Library and Information Management professionals have long-established connections with their own professional association, the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP). The Chief Knowledge Officer at NHS England, as professional lead, meets regularly with CILIP to ensure the needs of health knowledge and library staff are fully represented. As part of this, NHS knowledge and library staff in England have access to the [CILIP Professional Knowledge and Skills Base](#), a career development tool to identify generic skills and professional expertise to deliver ethical professional practice.

Recently, members of the national Knowledge and Library Services team have worked in partnership with the Federation for Informatics Professionals in Health and Social Care (FEDIP) to create a series of job profiles, outlining the skills and knowledge required to develop careers in health Knowledge, Library and Information Management roles. These are based upon the health guidance within the CILIP PKSB and once published, the profiles will help shape ongoing development and give health knowledge and library staff more tools to work towards [professional registration with CILIP](#).

The CILIP PKSB also forms a golden thread within the training and development opportunities provided via the Knowledge for Healthcare Learning Academy.

You can find out more about [CILIP professional registration](#), [the PKSB](#) and [FEDIP](#) on the professional

organisation websites.

Quality, Improvement and Impact: NHS knowledge and library specialists bringing the evidence you need to inform your decisions

Hepatitis B vaccination in renal patients

A project lead asked the NHS Library and Information Service to find evidence about setting up a Hepatitis B vaccination programme for renal patients.

The Clinical Librarian carried out a comprehensive review to find guidance and research which was used to inform policies and procedures to inform setting-up of the vaccination service. The evidence provided was also used to inform the patient information leaflet.

The first cohort of approximately 70 patients were vaccinated on the initial dialysis unit at the beginning of May 2023, and this service has been extended to the other 7 dialysis units.

“The evidence search played a massive part in getting the vaccination programme off the ground...this ‘on time process’ provides immunity for many patients, thus saving money on any further vaccines and providing better patient satisfaction, avoiding separate and additional primary care appointments for vaccinations”

Jane Goodeve, Kidney Choices Specialist Nurse,
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



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**Quality, Improvement and Impact:
Celebrating good practice**

Developing an inclusive workforce through “grow your own” pathways

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton has fostered an inclusive workforce by establishing a range of entry points into roles within the Knowledge and Library Service. The team has actively embraced apprentices, T-Level students, and young individuals with learning disabilities via the Project Search internship, promoting a “grow your own” ethos that provides opportunities for local people to gain valuable experience and progress into NHS roles.

The Knowledge and Library Service Manager highlighted that workforce development planning incorporates frequent skills audits and succession planning, ensuring future service needs are identified and addressed. Career progression has been facilitated by supporting Level 3 apprenticeships, encouraging applications for bursaries towards Master’s degrees, and participating in regional mentoring networks, all contributing to enhanced confidence and professional capability within the team.

By implementing these structured pathways and targeted development opportunities, the organisation is cultivating a workforce that is diverse, skilled, and sustainable, whilst also demonstrating inclusive practice throughout the broader system.

“Our service champions every team member’s growth, we celebrate their strengths, and we support them on their journey. Team development is at the heart of what we do.”

Knowledge and Library Service Manager, Knowledge and Library Service, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust

Other news

New resources to support advanced levels of practice

New resources are available to support experienced registrants, their managers and leaders working at advanced levels of practice. The content helps explain how Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) standards apply in advanced roles, with a focus on scope of practice, supervision and delegation.

The resources include practical tools, clear web guidance, reflective templates and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) materials. They confirm that all HCPC registrants are regulated at every level of practice and highlight shared responsibility for service user safety. [Explore the resources](#) and share them with colleagues to support safe, effective and person-centred care.

The Long-Term Conditions and Prevention (LTCP) team is pleased to announce the launch of the next cohort of the Applied Population Health Programme (APHP)

The programme supports health and care workforces across England to develop the skills needed to embed population health in their everyday roles. Previous fellows have come from a wide range of professional backgrounds, including nursing, pharmacy, medicine, speech and language therapy, dietetics, orthotics, physiotherapy and nonclinical roles.

Successful applicants will undertake a one year, parttime PgCert (Level 7) delivered by the University of Salford and will complete a population health project within their workplace.

Further details, including eligibility criteria, are available on the [programme page](#).

The closing date to apply is 1 June 2026.

Chief Allied Health Professions Officer (CAHPO) Awards 2026 – Nominations open on Friday 1 May 2026



Nominations for the Chief Allied Health Professions Officer (CAHPO) Awards will open on Friday 1 May 2026 and close at 11.59pm on Sunday 31 May 2026. The CAHPO Awards is a unique opportunity for allied health professionals (AHPs) to receive recognition for their personal contributions towards delivery of exceptional care for patients. The awards also promote adoption and scale of good practice through celebrating and sharing success.

The awards are open to all 14 AHPs including support workers, assistant practitioners, registered professionals, and pre-registration apprentices and students. You can either nominate yourself or another AHP or AHP team. Please visit the NHS England [CAHPO Awards FAQs webpage](#) for further information.



Please check the [instructions pack](#) first before [submitting your nomination from Friday 1 May](#) – or use the QR code.

How to contact your local NHS Knowledge and Library

You can [find details of your local NHS knowledge and library service](#).

Once you've found your service, give them a ring or drop them an email to find out about membership and availability of local NHS knowledge and library services, including help in finding and using resources.

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