

DBTH Knowledge & Library Service

Literature search service impact 2017/18

83 enquirers, covering 171 separate searches, an increase of 46% over the previous year



"the search helped to complete the evaluation of the current service and produce an options appraisal to be discussed at a senior level in the coming weeks."



100% of requests completed within agreed time-scales. 15% were done same or next day, 58% in 5 days or less



Searches helped avoid unnecessary costs (27%), hospital admissions (23%) delays in patient pathway (20%) tests/procedures (23%)



46% of our searches were used for clinical decision making, 23% have been used to support clinical audits



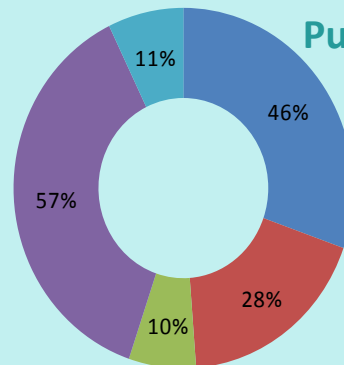
37% used the evidence for personal research 38% are planning to use the evidence to get published



57% of requesters used the evidence to give advice to colleagues, and almost 60% used it for service development

"the information has been used to plan for future self-management programmes in Doncaster and overcome unnecessary/avoidable hospital admissions. This piece of research will inform commissioners on how to help residents stay healthy and live independently without relying heavily on primary and secondary care services"

Purpose of search



- Clinical Decision Making
- Management / KM decision making
- Patient Information
- Research / Education / Professional Development
- Other

Impacts

Quality of life for patients / family	30%
Advice given to patients / carers	35%
Diagnosis	24%
Choice of drugs or other treatments	22%
Guideline or pathway development	51%
Identification / evaluation of alternatives to proposed therapy	30%

"...used as evidence for an SI investigation"

"to update our guidelines and teaching on this emergency topic"

"Information has been used to contribute to the background literature review for a research funding application "

"This is to help form the current knowledge and evidence available for the Qii work the team are looking to do "