





Appendix 1


Guide to sources of information


This is intended to help users of the Literature Search Protocols decide which information resources to search, in addition to providing information about access to these resources and assisting in the compilation of the search documentation. All information given below is believed to be correct at the time of publication; however the Literature Search Standards Group does not take responsibility for the accuracy of the information and recommends that individuals take steps to verify the information given.

To quickly identify whether you'll be able to access the resources listed, please look out for the labels listed below.

	Access available to NHS healthcare staff with an Athens password. To register for a password go to http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases
	Free access within the UK through the Internet.
	Access available through subscription only. Your local health or academic library may have a subscription.

	AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine)	
Subject coverage: Complementary medicine (from 1985) , Physiotherapy (from 1985) , Occupational therapy (from 1985) , Rehabilitation (from 1985) , Podiatry (from 1985) , Palliative care (from 1997) , and Speech and Language Therapy (from 1999) .Complementary medicine topics include acupuncture, herbalism, reflexology, homeopathy, holistic treatment, iridology, hypnosis, traditional Chinese medicine, moxibustion, chiropractice, meditation, osteopathy, yoga, psychotherapy, ayurvedic medicine, Alexander technique.		
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, newspapers and books		
Years covered: 1985 - present		Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: British Library		Publisher / online host: NHS Evidence
Web address: NHS Evidence: Journals and databases- http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases		Password details: Athens password required

	ASSIA (Applied Social Sciences Index & Abstracts)	
Subject coverage Health, social services, sociology, politics, economics, race relations, communication and education.		
Type of sources covered: Journal articles		
Years covered: 1987- present		Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: Cambridge Scientific Abstracts		Publisher / online host: CSA Illumina / Proquest
Web address: www.csa.com/		Password details: Password required

	BioMed Central	
Subject coverage BioMed Central's portfolio of 220 journals includes general titles <i>BMC Biology</i> and <i>BMC Medicine</i> alongside specialist journals that focus on particular disciplines. All the research published by BioMed Central's journals is open access, but BioMed Central also provides access to various additional products and services that require a subscription.		
Type of sources covered: Open access on-line journals and review journals		
Years covered: 2000 - present		Frequency of updates: Daily
Producer: BioMed Central		Name of publisher / online host: BioMed Central
Web address: www.biomedcentral.com		Password details: Password needed where subscription applies

Biological Abstracts	
Subject coverage Coverage of over 4000 journal titles related to life sciences, with topics ranging from botany to microbiology to pharmacology.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles	
Years covered: 1926- present	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Thomson Reuters / MIMAS University of Manchester	Publisher / online host: Thomson Reuters
Web address: Web of Knowledge http://wok.mimas.ac.uk	Password details: Password required

BIOSIS Citation Index and BIOSIS Previews	
Subject coverage Coverage of nearly 5000 journal titles related to Life Sciences	
BIOSIS Previews combines journal content from Biological Abstracts with supplemental, non-journal content from Biological Abstracts /RRM® (Reports, Reviews, Meetings). Easily access literature in pre-clinical and experimental research, methods and instrumentation, animal studies, environmental and consumer issues, and other areas.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, meeting and conference reports, books	
Years covered: 1926- present	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Thomson Reuters / MIMAS University of Manchester	Publisher / online host: Thomson Reuters
Web address: Web of Knowledge http://wok.mimas.ac.uk	Password details: Password required

BNI (British Nursing Index)	
Subject coverage Nursing and midwifery plus medical, health management and allied health fields relevant to UK nurses and midwives. Covers mostly 250 UK nursing and midwifery journals although a representative number of non-UK specialist journals are also covered. Examples of subject areas covered: accident & emergency nursing, breast cancer, evidence based practice, learning disabilities, midwifery, nurse practitioner, orthopaedic nursing, perinatal & neonatal mortality, psychiatric nursing, reflective practice, student nurses, theatre nursing, wounds.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles	
Years covered: 1994 – present (abstracts included from 2004)	Frequency of updates: 29 days
Producer: BNI is compiled by a cross-sectoral partnership of libraries: Bournemouth University, Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Salisbury Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and the Royal College of Nursing	Publisher / online host: NHS Evidence
Web address: NHS Evidence: Journals and databases http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases	Password details : Athens password required

FREE		The Campbell Library of Systematic Reviews	
Subject coverage: Online access to the full text of systematic reviews undertaken by the Campbell Collaboration in the areas of education, crime and justice and social welfare. The Campbell Collaboration is an international research network based on voluntary co-operation between researchers from different backgrounds.			
Types of sources covered: Systematic reviews			
Years covered: 2003 to present		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: The Campbell Collaboration (C2)		Publisher / online host: The Campbell Collaboration (C2)	
Web address: www.campbellcollaboration.org		Password details: No password required	

FREE		Centre for Reviews and Dissemination	
Subject coverage <i>Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects:</i> Critical appraisals of systematic reviews published elsewhere. <i>NHS Economic Evaluation Database:</i> Assessments of economic evaluations of health care interventions. <i>HTA Database – Health Technology Assessment reports.</i>			
Type of sources covered: details of systematic reviews, evaluations of healthcare interventions			
Years covered: Not specified		Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: Centre for Reviews and Dissemination		Publisher / online host: Centre for Reviews and Dissemination.	
Web address: www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/ The CRD databases are available as part of the Cochrane Library and can also be searched via the TRIP Database		Password details: No password required	

Password		ChildData	
Subject coverage Provides information on children and young people including; children's education, health and welfare, and adolescent issues. Specific – adolescence, adoption and foster care, child health, child protection, children in care, children's rights, disability, drug education, early years, education, family and parenting, law, mental health, participation, play, sex education, social exclusion, special needs, substance misuse and youth justice.			
Type of sources covered: Books, reports, journal articles, newspaper articles, law reports, editorials, features, opinion pieces and full text of <i>Children & Society</i> (the NCB's academic journal)			
Years covered: 1996 - present		Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: National Children's Bureau, UK		Publisher / online host: National Children's Bureau	
Web address: http://www.childdata.org.uk/		Password details: Password required	

NHS		CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)	
Subject coverage A comprehensive coverage of around 60 nursing sub- disciplines, (from addiction nursing to urology nursing), international in scope. The major allied health disciplines are covered (OT, Physiotherapy, Speech and Language therapy, Dietetics, Audiology). Some technology journals are also indexed as well as articles on consumer health, health promotion, and legal issues in health care			
Type of sources covered, e.g. journals, dissertations : Primarily journal articles, with some books, book chapters, dissertations, and conference proceedings and other formats.			
Years covered: 1982 - present		Frequency of updates: Weekly	
Producer: CINAHL Information Systems (USA)		Publisher / online host: NHS Evidence	
Web address: NHS Evidence: Journals and Databases http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases		Password details: Athens password required	

Password		Clinical Evidence	
Subject coverage Provides current evidence-based reviews of the treatments for more than 200 conditions.			
Type of sources covered: Systematic reviews / evidence summaries of the current state of knowledge and prevention and treatment of clinical conditions.			
Years covered: N/A		Frequency of updates: Review specific tailored updating schedule	
Producer: BMJ Publishing		Publisher / online host: BMJ Publishing	
Web address: www.clinicalevidence.com		Password details: Password required	

FREE		ClinicalTrials.gov	
Subject coverage A registry and results database of federally and privately supported clinical trials conducted around the world for a wide range of diseases and conditions searchable by condition, drug, sponsor and location.			
Type of sources covered: Ongoing clinical trials			
Years covered: Not specified		Frequency of updates: Weekly	
Producer: National Library of Medicine (US)		Publisher / online host: US National Institutes of Health	
Web address: www.clinicaltrials.gov		Password details: No password required.	

FREE		Cochrane Library	
Subject coverage: systematic reviews across all areas of healthcare, critical appraisals of systematic reviews, reports of controlled trials, trial methodology, health technology assessments and economic evaluations.			
Type of sources covered: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR): full text of evidence based systematic reviews of health care interventions prepared by The Cochrane Collaboration.			
Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects: * critical appraisals of systematic reviews published elsewhere.			
Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL): the largest register of reports of controlled trials in the world.			
Cochrane Database of Methodology Reviews: the most specific collection of records for reports and empirical studies relating to the methods of systematic reviews and the evaluation of health and social care more generally.			
NHS Economic Evaluation Database: * assessments of economic evaluations of health care interventions.			
Health Technology Assessment Database: * details of completed and ongoing health technology assessments (studies of the medical, social, ethical and economic implications of healthcare interventions) from around the world			
Years covered: 1880 - present (most reviews date from c1995 onwards)		Frequency of updates: Quarterly	
Producer: Cochrane Collaboration		Publisher / online host: John Wiley & Sons Ltd	
Web address: www.thecochranelibrary.com or via http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases		Password details: No password required	
*These resources can also be searched through the CRD web-site, this is updated more frequently.			

Password		DART Europe E-Thesis Portal	
Subject coverage All subjects			
Type of sources covered: Theses from European countries. Abstracts or full text dependant upon subscription.			
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: DART Europe		Publisher / online Host: DART Europe	
Web address: http://www.dart-europe.eu/basic-search.php		Password details: No password required	

Password		Dissertation and Theses database	
Subject coverage All subjects			
Type of sources covered: Dissertations and theses from all countries. Abstracts or full text dependant upon subscription.			
Years covered: 1861 – present (full text since 1997)		Frequency of updates: Not specified	
Producer: Proquest		Publisher / online Host: Proquest	
Web address: http://www.proquest.co.uk/en-UK/catalogs/databases/detail/pqdt.shtml		Password details: Password required	

Password		Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin (DTB)	
Subject coverage Informed and unbiased assessments of drugs and other treatments (concentrating on their relative efficacy, safety, convenience and cost), comments on how they should be used and assesses their place in overall management. DTB is independent of Government, regulatory authorities, industry, advertising and commercial sponsorship.			
Type of sources covered: research articles			
Years covered: 1962 - present		Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: BMJ Group		Publisher / online host: BMJ Group	
Web address: www.dtb.org.uk		Password details: Password required	

NHS		EMBASE	
Subject coverage EMBASE is a major biomedical and pharmacological database with good coverage of Western European sources, and therefore complementary to Medline. The emphasis is on the pharmacological effects of drugs and chemicals. Over 40% of current content is drug related. Embase covers about 7000 journals from approximately 70 countries in the following areas: drug research, pharmacology, pharmacy, pharmacoeconomics, pharmaceuticals, toxicology, human medicine (clinical and experimental), basic biological research, health policy and management, public, occupational and environmental health, drug dependence and abuse, psychiatry, forensic science and biomedical engineering.			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles			
Years covered: 1974 - present		Frequency of updates: daily	
Producer: Elsevier B.V.		Publisher / online host: NHS Evidence	
Web address: NHS Evidence: Journals and Databases http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases		Password details: Athens password required	

FREE		Education Resources Information Center (ERIC)	
Subject coverage Education and training, education research, preschool to adult and higher education			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, books, theses, curricula, conference papers, standards and guidelines			
Years covered: 1966 - present		Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: Institute of Education Sciences USA		Publisher / online host: US Department of Education	
Web address: www.eric.ed.gov/		Password details: No password required	

FREE		ETHOS (Electronic Thesis Online Service)	
Subject coverage All subjects			
Type of sources covered: UK Theses from participating institutions			
Years covered: 1600- present		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: British Library		Publisher / online host: British Library	
Web address: http://ethos.bl.uk/		Password details: No password required to search. There is a charge for full text	

Password		Global Health	
Subject coverage All aspects of Public Health including communicable disease, maternal and child health, nutrition and health systems.			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, books and reports, patents, theses, from over 158 countries in 50 languages. All relevant non-English language papers are translated to give access to research not available through any other database.			
Years covered: 1973 – present (NB: Global Health Archive is available as a separate database and covers the years 1910-1972)		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: CABI		Publisher / online host: CABI	
Web address: www.cabi.org		Password details: Password required	

NHS		Health Business Elite	
Subject coverage: Health Business™ Elite contains full text content from more than 480 journals. Covers health care administration and other non-clinical aspects of health care institution management. Topics covered include hospital management, hospital administration, marketing, human resources, computer technology, facilities management and insurance.			
Type of sources covered: Journals			
Years covered: 1922- present		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: EBSCO		Publisher / online host: NHS Evidence	
Web address: NHS Evidence: Journals and Databases http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases		Password details: Athens password required	

NHS		HMIC	
Subject coverage The HMIC database is a compilation of data from the Department of Health's Library and Information Services and King's Fund Information and Library Service. DH Data covers health service policy, management and administration, with an emphasis on the NHS; the quality of health services including hospitals, nursing, primary care and public health; the planning, design, construction and maintenance of health service buildings; occupational health; control and regulation of medicines; medical equipment and supplies; and social care and personal social services. The King's Fund Information and Library Service database covers health management and services, social care, service development, and NHS organisation and administration, all with a UK focus. The Kings Fund Library is also available to search separately at http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/library/index.html			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, books, reports, pamphlets, administrative circulars and other official publications. Full details, including sources of supply, of Department of Health publications.			
Years covered: DH Data from 1983 Kings Fund material from 1979		Frequency of updates: Weekly	
Producer: Department of Health and Kings Fund		Publisher / online Host: NHS Evidence	
Web address: NHS Evidence: Journals and databases http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases		Password details: Athens password required	

Password		Index to Theses	
Subject coverage A comprehensive listing of theses with abstracts accepted for higher degrees by universities in the UK and Ireland. Availability of full text for free download is indicated where possible.			
Type of sources covered: Theses			
Years covered: 1716 - present		Frequency of updates: Not specified	
Producer: Expert Information Ltd.		Publisher / online host: Expert Information Ltd.	
Web address: www.theses.com		Password details: Password required	

Password		Maternity and Infant Care	
Subject coverage: 550 international English language journals being regularly scanned for references relating to the midwifery profession, pregnancy, labour, birth, postnatal care, and neonatal care extending into the first year of life.			
Types of resources covered: References to journal articles, book chapters, reports, pamphlets, news items, audio visual materials, conference proceedings and other 'grey literature'			
Years covered: 1973 - present		Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: Wolters Kluwers		Publisher / online host: Wolters Kluwers /Ovid or SilverPlatter	
Web address: OVIDSP http://ovidsp.ovid.com		Password details: Password required	

NHS		MEDLINE	
Subject coverage Medline covers the whole field of medicine including dentistry, veterinary medicine and medical psychology, clinical medicine, anatomy, pharmacology, toxicology, genetics, microbiology, pathology, environmental health, occupational medicine, psychology, biomedical technology, health planning and administration, space life science, and many other related subject areas. In addition, the database includes 'In-Process' and 'In-Data-Review' records – the latest few weeks of the literature - before they have been fully indexed for Medline.			
Type of sources: Journal articles			
Years covered: 1946 - present		Frequency of updates: Daily - Tues through to Saturday	
Name of producer: US National Library of Medicine		Name of publisher / online host: NHS Evidence	
Web address: NHS Evidence: Journals and Databases http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases		Password details: Athens password	

FREE		metaRegister of Controlled Trials	
Subject coverage International database of ongoing (and some completed) controlled trials in all aspects of health care. Users can search, register and share information about randomised controlled trials. It is possible to simultaneously search trial registers from organisations such as the Medical Research Council and the Wellcome Trust as well as general registers such as the NHS Trust Clinical Trials Register. There is also a separate register for trials in mental health. Provides detailed list of links to other trial registers.			
Types of resources covered: Ongoing (and some completed) randomised controlled trials			
Years covered: The database was established in 1998		Frequency of updates: Continuously updated	
Producer: Current Controlled Trials Ltd		Publisher / online host: Current Controlled Trials Ltd	
Web address: www.controlled-trials.com/mrct/		Access details: No password required	

Password		Micromedex	
Subject coverage Evidence-based content on drugs, side-by-side drug comparisons, diseases, acute care, toxicology, alternative medicines			
Types of resources covered: The editorial team review, evaluate, and synthesize more than half a million articles annually to provide the best treatment recommendations and guidelines.			
Years covered: Not specified		Frequency of updates: Not specified	
Producer: Thomson Reuters		Publisher / online host: Thomson Reuters	
Web address: http://www.micromedex.com/		Access details: Password required	

FREE		National electronic Library for Medicines	
Subject coverage: NeLM aims to provide comprehensive medicines information within the National Library for Health. It promotes safe, effective and efficient use of medicines within the NHS. The content is independent, unbiased and evidence-based. Formerly DrugInfoZone.			
Types of resources covered: News, current awareness, drug reviews, product updates, facilities for sharing practice, links to related websites			
Years covered: 1998 - present		Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation Trust and UKMI		Publisher / online host: E-Communications Team at the London and South East Medicines Information Service based at Guy's Hospital London.	
Web address: http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/		Access details: Free registration to access all areas of the site	

FREE		National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)	
Subject coverage: NICE is an independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance on promoting good health and preventing and treating ill health. Provides guidance on the use of health technologies (such as the use of new and existing medicines, treatments and procedures), clinical practice and public health within the NHS in England and Wales. These appraisals are based primarily on evaluations of efficacy and cost-effectiveness.			
Types of resources covered: Guidelines, pathways, quality standards			
Years covered: April 2001 - present		Frequency of updates: NICE is expected to draw up and issue around 10-15 scientifically-based guidelines to doctors and other health professionals each year, setting out the best treatment options for their patients. In addition, NICE will appraise some 30-50 new (and occasionally existing) interventions, and will give guidance on their clinical and cost effectiveness.	
Producer: National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)		Publisher / online host: Department of Health	
Web address: www.nice.org.uk		Access details: No password required.	

FREE		Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD)	
Subject coverage The NDLTD provides access to international electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) with multidisciplinary subject coverage from a wide range of member institutions. NDLTD was started as a pilot project in 1996.			
Type of sources covered: Theses and dissertations; international coverage.			
Years covered: Not specified		Frequency of updates: Not specified	
Producer: Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD).		Publisher / online host: NDLTD Union Catalogue is a joint development by NDLTD and the online hosts, OCLC, VTLS, & Scirus	
Web address: www.ndltd.org		Password details: No password required	

FREE		NHS Networks Commissioning Zone	
Subject coverage: A portal for clinicians, managers and anyone else involved in commissioning bringing together in one place the best sources and resources, to save time and promote sharing of useful information.			
Type of sources covered: Any resources related to clinical commissioning including websites, networks, reports, journal articles, government documents and blogs			
Years covered: 2010 - present		Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: NHS Networks		Publisher / online host: NHS Networks	
Web address: http://www.networks.nhs.uk/commissioning		Password details: No password required	

FREE		NHS Evidence	
Subject coverage: Current guidelines, reports and information in synthesised formats from evidence based medicine accredited websites with a UK focus. NHS Evidence includes patient information. Resources are categorised into 'Areas of Interest' – clinical, commissioning , drugs and technology, educational and learning tools , public health, social care; and 'Types of Information' – Care pathways, commissioning guides, drug/medicines management, drug best practice guidance, evidence summaries, systematic reviews .			
Types of resources covered: Links to a range of resources including systematic reviews, evidence-based summaries, guidelines, specialist collections, drug information and patient information. Each resource is hyperlinked to the full text which may be a website or a PDF, or another format.			
Years covered: Emphasis is on current information , from the most recent 3 years		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: NICE		Publisher / online host: NICE	
Web address: http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/		Access details: No password required	

FREE		NIHR CRN portfolio database	
Subject coverage: High-quality clinical research studies that are eligible for support from the NIHR Clinical Research Network in England			
Type of sources covered: Clinical studies, leaflets and guides, case studies, reference documents, reports, newsletters, useful links			
Years covered: Not specified		Frequency of updates: Not specified	
Producer: NHS National Institute for Health Research		Publisher / online host: NHS National Institute for Health Research	
Web address: http://public.ukcrn.org.uk/search/		Password details: No password required	

FREE		Open Grey (System for Information on Grey Literature in Europe)	
Subject coverage: An multidisciplinary European database covering science, technology, biomedical sciences, economics, social sciences and humanities			
Types of resources covered: Technical or research reports, doctoral dissertations, conference papers, official publications, and other types of grey literature. Includes conference preprints of GreyNet International.			
Years covered: 1997- present		Frequency of updates:	
Producer: Institut de l'Information Scientifique et Technique		Publisher / online host: Institut de l'Information Scientifique et Technique	
Web address: http://www.opengrey.eu/		Access details: No password required	

FREE	OTseeker	
Subject coverage: Database that contains abstracts of systematic reviews and randomised controlled trials relevant to occupational therapy		
Types of resources covered: randomised controlled trials, systematic reviews, includes links to other evidence based resources		
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: collaboration between occupational therapists from University of Queensland and University of Western Sydney.		Publisher / online host: OTseeker
Web address: http://www.otseeker.com/		Access details: No password required

FREE	Pedro (Physiotherapy Evidence Database)	
Subject coverage: Database of over 19,000 randomised trials, systematic reviews and clinical practice guidelines in physiotherapy		
Types of resources covered: Randomised controlled trials, systematic reviews, clinical guidelines		
Years covered: 1929 - present		Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: Centre for Evidence-Based Physiotherapy		Publisher / online host: Centre for Evidence-Based Physiotherapy
Web address: www.pedro.org.au/		Access details: No password required

FREE	Prodigy (formerly Clinical Knowledge Summaries)	
Subject coverage: <p>PRODIGY is a web-based service providing healthcare professionals with a reliable source of evidence-based information and practical 'know how' about the common conditions managed in primary care. PRODIGY provides answers to real-life clinical questions that arise in day-to-day practice and clearly links the answers to the evidence on which they are based.</p>		
Types of resources covered: Evidence-based summaries and topic reviews.		
Years covered: N/A		Frequency of updates: Not stated.
Producer: Clarity Informatics Ltd		Publisher / online host: Clarity Informatics Ltd
Web address: http://prodigy.clarity.co.uk/home Content also included in NHS Evidence A-Z topics http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/topics		Access details: No password required.

NHS	PsycINFO (Psychological Abstracts)	
Subject coverage International psychological literature, psychology practice and research, and psychological aspects of medicine, psychiatry, nursing and pharmacology, drug and behavioural therapy, treatment of disease, drug addiction, developmental psychology, educational psychology, experimental human and animal psychology, personality, psychological disorders, physiological psychology and neuroscience, psychometrics, social psychology, sports psychology.		
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, book chapters, dissertations		
Years covered: 1887 - present		Frequency of updates: Weekly
Producer: American Psychological Association		Publisher / online host: NHS Evidence
Web address: NHS Evidence: Journals and databases - http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases		Password details: Athens password required

PubMed	
FREE	
Subject coverage Clinical medicine, biomedical sciences, nursing, dentistry, preclinical sciences, health care systems	
Type of sources covered: PubMed comprises over 20 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. PubMed also includes Pre-Medline which is an in-process database for MEDLINE, providing basic information and abstracts before a record is indexed with MeSH heading(s) and added to MEDLINE.	
Years covered: 1950 - present	Frequency of updates: daily
Producer: US National Library of Medicine	Publisher / online host: US National Library of Medicine
Web address: www.pubmed.gov	Password details: No password required

QIPP	
FREE	
Subject coverage Improvements in quality and productivity across the NHS and social care which can be used to inform local initiatives to address the quality and productivity challenge.	
Type of sources covered: Case studies and systematic reviews.	
Years covered: 2010 - present	Frequency of updates: Not given
Producer: NICE	Publisher / online host: NHS Evidence
Web address: http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/qipp	Password details: No password required

SciVerse Scopus	
Password	
Subject coverage Covers more than 19000 journals from the scientific, technical, medical, social sciences and arts and humanities. It contains over 40 million records.	
Type of sources covered: journals, conference proceedings, patents	
Years covered: 1823 - present	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Elsevier	Publisher / online host: Elsevier
Web address: http://www.info.sciverse.com/scopus	Password details: Password required

Science Citation Index Expanded	
Password	
Subject coverage Agriculture, Computer science, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine, Science (pure and applied)	
Type of sources covered: articles, reports, papers, discussions, editorials, notes, reviews	
Years covered: 1970 – present (back files covering 1945-1969 are available separately)	Frequency of updates: weekly
Producer: Thomson Reuters / MIMAS at University of Manchester	Publisher / online host: Thomson Reuters
Web address: Web of Knowledge http://wok.mimas.ac.uk	Password details: Password required

FREE		Social Care Online	
Subject coverage: All aspects of social care			
Types of resources covered: Various including including journal articles, websites, research reviews, legislation and government documents, and service user knowledge.			
Years covered: 1960 - present		Frequency of updates: daily	
Producer: Social Care Institute for Excellence		Publisher / online host: Social Care Institute for Excellence	
Web address: www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk/		Access details: No password required	

Password		Social Sciences Citation Index	
Subject coverage Provides access to the bibliographic and citation information from approximately 2500 social sciences journals across 50 disciplines.			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles			
Years covered: 1970- present (backfiles covering 1956-1969 are available separately)		Frequency of updates: weekly	
Producer: Thomson Reuters / MIMAS at University of Manchester		Publisher / online host: Thomson Reuters	
Web address: Web of Knowledge http://wok.mimas.ac.uk		Password details: Password required	

FREE		Toxnet	
Subject coverage Toxicology, hazardous chemicals, environmental health, and toxic releases			
Type of sources covered: A cluster of databases covering including: TOXLINE - A bibliographic database providing comprehensive coverage of the biochemical, pharmacological, physiological, and toxicological effects of drugs and other chemicals. Development and Reproductive Toxicology/Environmental Teratology Information Center (DART®/ETIC) - A bibliographic database covering literature on reproductive and developmental toxicology. Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB) - A factual database focusing on the toxicology of potentially hazardous chemicals. Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) - A database containing carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic health risk information International Toxicity Estimates for Risk (ITER) - Data to support human health risk assessments Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information System (CCRIS) . A databank of over 9,000 chemical records with carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, tumor promotion, and tumor inhibition test results derived from studies cited in primary journals, current awareness tools, NCI reports, and other special sources. Genetic Toxicology (GENE-TOX) - Genetic toxicology test results on over 3,200 chemicals.			
Years covered: Various, mainly 1965 - present		Frequency of updates: Weekly	
Producer: National Library of Medicine		Publisher / online host: National Institutes of Health	
Web address: http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/		Password details: No password required	

FREE		TRIP Database	
Subject coverage TRIP Database is a clinical search tool designed to allow health professionals to rapidly identify the highest quality clinical evidence from medical literature for clinical practice.			
Type of sources covered, e.g. journals, dissertations : Evidence-based synopses, systematic reviews, international clinical guidelines, medical images, eTextbooks, patient information leaflets, and peer-reviewed journals.			
Years covered: Not specified		Frequency of updates: News – hourly. PubMed extract – weekly Remainder - monthly	
Producer: TRIP Database Ltd		Publisher / online host: TRIP Database Ltd	
Web address: www.tripdatabase.com		Password details: No password required Registering allows you to see search history and receive regular clinical updates and new notices from the site.	

FREE

UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments (DUETs)

Subject coverage The UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments (UK DUETs) has been established to publish uncertainties about the effects of treatment which cannot currently be answered by referring to reliable up-to-date systematic reviews of existing research evidence

Type of sources covered, e.g. journals, dissertations :

Uncertainties largely derived from systematic reviews, but also patients, carers, professionals, and ongoing research.

Years covered: Unknown

Frequency of updates: Unknown

Producer: NICE

Publisher / online host: NHS Evidence

Web address:: <http://www.library.nhs.uk/duets/>

Password details: No password required

FREE

WHO Regional databases

Subject coverage

Regional health and medical databases have been compiled to complement internationally known bibliographical indexes such as MEDLINE. The Regional medical indexes, give access to bibliographical information about the health material published locally. They thus add a further dimension to the retrieval of information from developed country-oriented databases.

There are five WHO Regional databases:

- Africa - African Index Medicus (AIM)
- Eastern Mediterranean - Index Medicus for WHO Eastern Mediterranean (IMEMR)
- Latin America and Caribbean – (LILACS)
- South-East Asia - Index Medicus for South-East Asia Region (IMSEAR)
- Western Pacific - Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM)

Type of sources covered: Journal articles, reports

Years covered: Varies between databases

Frequency of updates: Not specified

Producer / online host: World Health Organisation (WHO)

Publisher / online host: Published under the auspices of WHO Regional Offices.

Web address:

- 1) AIM - <http://indexmedicus.afro.who.int/>
- 2) IMEMR - <http://www.emro.who.int/HIS/VHSL/Index.htm>
- 3) LILACS - <http://lilacs.bvsalud.org/en/>
- 4) IMSEAR - <http://imsear.hellis.org/>
- 5) WPRIM - <http://www.wprim.org/>

Password details: No password required

NHS

Zetoc (electronic table of contents)

Subject coverage

Zetoc provides access to the British Library's table of contents of over 20,000 research journal articles and conference proceedings across a broad subject range.

N.B. Selection criteria of journals are based on the most requested research journals, using readership and circulation figures.

Type of sources covered: Journal articles (no abstracts) & conference proceedings

Years covered: 1993 - present

Frequency of updates: Daily

Producer: British Library

Publisher / online host: MIMAS

Web address: <http://zetoc.mimas.ac.uk>

Password details: Athens username and password required. Choose "Eduserv Athens" from "Miscellaneous Organisations" list

Appendix 2

Additional subject specific databases

Database	Web address	Subscription required
Abstracts on Hygiene and Communicable Disease	http://www.cabi.org/default.aspx?site=170&page=1016&pid=70	Yes
Age Info	http://www.cpa.org.uk/ageinfo/ageinfo2.html	Yes
Age Line	http://www.ebscohost.com/public/ageline	Yes
Alcohol Studies Database	http://www2.scc.rutgers.edu/alcohol_studies/alcohol/advancedSearch.php	No
Autism Data	http://www.autism.org.uk/autismdata	No
Cancer Research Clinical Trials	http://cancerhelp.cancerresearchuk.org/trials/	No
Emerald Management First	http://www.emeraldinsight.com/products/first/index.htm	Yes
Genetics Abstracts	http://www.csa.com/factsheets/genetics-set-c.php	Yes
Health Communication Materials Database	http://www.m-mc.org/mmc_search.php	No
Health and Safety Science Abstracts	http://www.csa.com/factsheets/health-safety-set-c.php	Yes
Health and Psychosocial Instruments Abstracts	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/DataBase/866.jsp	Yes
HIV AIDS Clinical Trials	http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/ClinicalTrials/Default.aspx	No
International Bibliography of the Social Sciences	http://www.proquest.co.uk/en-UK/catalogs/databases/detail/ibss-set-c.shtml	Yes
International Pharmaceutical Abstracts	http://www.csa.com/factsheets/ipa-set-c.php	Yes
Nutrition Abstracts and Reviews	http://www.cabi.org/default.aspx?site=170&page=1016&pid=79	Yes
PILOTS (Traumatic Stress)	http://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/pilots-database/pilots-db.asp	No
Popline (Reproductive Health)	http://www.popline.org/	No
Risk abstracts	http://www.csa.com/factsheets/risk-set-c.php	Yes
Safety Lit (Injury Prevention)	http://safetylit.org/	No
Social Work Abstracts	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/DataBase/150.jsp	Yes
Sociological Abstracts	http://www.csa.com/factsheets/socioabs-set-c.php	Yes
Social Services Abstracts	http://www.csa.com/factsheets/ssa-set-c.php	Yes
Transplant Library	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/DataBase/4633.jsp?top=2&mid=3&bottom=7&subsection=10	Yes
Tropical Diseases Bulletin	http://www.cabi.org/default.aspx?site=170&page=1016&pid=2201	Yes
Violence and Abuse Abstracts	http://www.csa.com/factsheets/virology-set-c.php	Yes
Virology and AIDS Abstracts	http://www.csa.com/factsheets/virology-set-c.php	Yes

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