

# Library and Knowledge Services case study

# Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: Head banging in toddlers

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## Reason for enquiry

Charlotte McAuley, consultant paediatrician, required up to date information about head-banging in toddlers to inform direct patient care.

## What the knowledge and library specialist did

An evidence search was conducted by Librarian Camila Garces-Bovett.

An evidence search is when the best and most appropriate information is found by a librarian using range of searching techniques and resources. The information is then summarised and presented in a format which makes it easier and quicker for the clinician to read.

A range of research resources were searched including Embase and Medline, as well as bespoke clinical information resources such as ClinicalKey and BMJ Best Practice. A Google mediated internet search was also conducted.

A summary of the information plus the full text of variety of research articles and a book chapter was sent to the consultant.

# Impact of input from the library and knowledge service

Due to the intervention of the library & Knowledge Service, patient care was improved as the consultant had up to date information that informed treatment and provided reassurance to the parents, as well as saving clinical time.

## Immediate Impact

The information provided by the Library & Knowledge Service updated the consultant’s knowledge and as a result she was able to provide information to the parents and to the clinical service she was then going to refer the patient to. Having the information gave “Reassurance in terms of patient safety and relevant onward referrals/advice” and “reassurance to the parents that clinician was up to date”. The information confirmed treatment and “improved patient care”.

## Probable future Impact

None

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## For further information on how you can get similar support contact your local NHS library and knowledge service.