

# Library and Knowledge Services case study

# *Mid-Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: Library support for infection control during the Covid-19 pandemic*

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## Reason for enquiry

I needed up-to-date and accurate information on the incubation period, transmission and re-infectivity of Covid-19

## What the knowledge and library specialist did

John Gale (Trust Librarian) quickly did several literature searches for me in relation to Covid. He was able to retrieve articles I needed.

# Impact of input from the library and knowledge service

“The speciality of IPC requires a robust evidence base … Trying to identify and retrieve research is timely and I greatly appreciate this library role. I also encourage others to use it to develop their clinical skills and respective services.”

## Immediate Impact

“Being able to build a Covid evidence base has influenced my decision making for patients and staff. It has helped me to consider immediate and longer-term management strategies in the absence of robust national guidance.”

## Probable future Impact

“Covid is a newly identified organism- we will need to take any global research out there to develop our IPC [infection prevention and control] strategies moving forward. This keeps the organisation safe and ensures appropriate decision-making guide[s] Trust developments.”

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