

# Library and Knowledge Services case study

# *Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust*

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## Reason for enquiry

Following an external review into Suicide Prevention in 2020 commissioned by AWP, a series of actions were recommended. One of the actions was for AWP to identify and share relevant research related to people with autism and risk.

## What the knowledge and library specialist did

The AWP Suicide Prevention Lead asked the librarian responsible for producing the monthly Patient Safety and Suicide Prevention Research Bulletin to specifically search for and include all relevant research on autism and risk on a regular (monthly) basis. Using HDAS and KnowledgeShare alerts to identify recently published evidence, the librarian extended the search to include a specific focus on autism and created a separate section within the bulletin.

# Impact of input from the library and knowledge service

*The* monthlyPatient Safety and Suicide Prevention Bulletin created by the library service is sent to over 160 healthcare staff to share with their teams. The bulletin supports the work of the Trust in disseminating research into suicide prevention strategies for autistic adults.

## Immediate Impact

Research information from the Patient Safety and Suicide Prevention bulletin helps to mobilise evidence and means that information specific to autism and suicide is widely shared through the Trusts’ learning from incidents framework.

Research regarding suicide prevention for autism is also incorporated into CPA and Risk training.

Emerging/new research/information on this topic identified in the bulletin is published within the suicide prevention pages on the Trust intranet pages.

## Probable future Impact

High quality evidence to inform decision-making is readily available and can be implemented immediately where appropriate, improving outcomes for service users.

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