The work I have been doing aims to improve local, regional and national performance in the management of sepsis and by doing so reduce mortality, morbidity and costs. I am sepsis lead not only for the trust but also for the region and work with the south west too. I have been co-ordinating a regional initiative to standardise the recording of deterioration. I have held meetings across the region to embed NEWS (National Early Warning Score) among GPs and paramedics, and get GPs to consider using NEWS to triage their patients. The library team has carried out several literature searches on sepsis to support this work and provided me with high quality information and data which has helped shape national policy and should lead to improved patient outcomes. They have also been of great assistance in literature searches for early warning scores and I have used this to help develop a regional system of standardised communication about deteriorating patients.

The library service, especially the literature search service is brilliant to support my work, and getting on-going alerts is fantastic way of keeping up to date. Recently I presented at a national patient safety congress and had an article published in the Society of Acute Medicine Journal. I have written three articles in peer reviewed publications in the last year about handover and was co-author of the sepsis toolkit on sepsis for the Royal college of physicians The library services have been very useful in writing all of these.

If I had not had access to the library service I would really have really struggled