

# INTELLIGENCE INSIDER

Your Oxford Health Libraries monthly newsletter

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## Hello, my name is Julia Hallam

I am one of the outreach librarians and I am pleased to bring to you our second issue of the Intelligence Insider.

We received good feedback on our first issue. Subscribers appreciated finding out more about who we are and what we do. We enjoyed that someone said, "It looks like an MI5 briefing". Well, surprisingly for some of our users, MI5 employ a team of librarians. They make the most of our skill set around our ability to perform in-depth strategic searches and of our specialism in interrogating databases. Definitely more than stamping books!



Here at Oxford Health, in addition to curating specialised printed and electronic materials, the library team is experienced in tailoring our service to our users' needs. This week, after meeting our Service Change Team and Chiltern Adult Mental Health team, they learned that the services they lead can request literature searches for topics on which they need evidence-based information on. In this way they make the most of our expertise in knowledge management and information retrieval. Some of their team members submitted evidence search requests and plans for future collaboration emerged.

In this issue, we are bringing electronic resources updates. **Mpilo Siwela** shows how to access Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines in Psychiatry, 14th Edition.

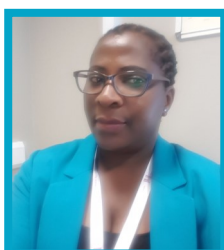
Our colleague, **Sarah Old**, shares some of her experience as a Librarian and how she has been supporting library users throughout her career.

**Bertha Calles Cartas** is starting a series on healthcare database platforms. She will be providing an alternative way to look at literature searching.

If you would like us to attend your forthcoming team meeting to discuss your evidence needs, please email [library.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:library.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk). We can discuss your specific information needs and undertake evidence searches for your team to support patient care, service developments and improvements.

### COVID guidelines

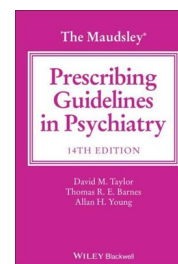
We continue the delivery of our services remotely. Visit our website [here](#) for more information, or contact us by email: [library.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:library.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)



## New Resource: The Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines in Psychiatry 14<sup>th</sup> Edition.

Mpilo Siwela,  
Outreach and Reader Services Librarian

We have made the latest edition of this resource now available on the go, at the click of a button. The easiest way to access it is via the [Knowledge and Library Hub](#). Log in using your [OpenAthens account](#). You will find a link at the bottom of the "Other Resources" column under the search box. Click on it and you are all set to access the Prescribing Guidelines in Psychiatry. Brought to you by your library.



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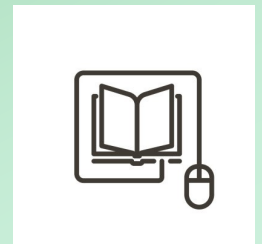
## What have librarians / libraries ever done for us?

Sarah Old  
Reader Services Librarian

It is common to hear in these days of ubiquitous internet access, that librarians are irrelevant. However, today, in organisations like Oxford Health, there are teams of professionals, the librarians, making research and academic resources available online for our users.

My role includes selecting and acquiring resources for the Library – both print and electronic. I make sure they are current, relevant and accessible. That is why, we liaise with clinicians and course tutors to make up to date content available to all staff and students of the Trust. In addition, I am part of the team answering information queries and supporting our readers in their use of library services both in person and virtually.

The range of resources and services we can offer, from clinical and academic to wellbeing and leisure, is exciting, and we look forward to working with our readers to meet their needs.



## Searching databases

Bertha A. Calles Cartas,  
Outreach Librarian

This series of Searching databases aims to explore different aspects of accessing and navigating the health databases.

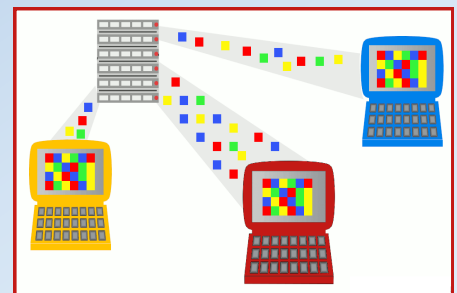
Academic databases are sets of organised information -journal articles, conference papers and other citations- obtained from selected academic journals, which are published periodically.

Academic databases are hosted on various platforms which operate in slightly different ways.

Think of the platform you employ to play your favourite movie. You could use Amazon Prime, Netflix or the BBC iPlayer. Your platform of choice will depend on various factors: does the platform host the movie? Do you pay a subscription to access the platform? Or is the movie free on YouTube and you are happy with YouTube free content experience?. Likewise, there are various platforms which host academic databases, such as MEDLINE and CINAHL. The most popular platforms are OVID, EBSCO and ProQuest. Searching databases on these platforms will require not only an understanding of the principles of literature searching using PICO strategy, but also some familiarity with the hosting platform. Likewise, searching for your favourite movie is not only about knowing the genre or main actors of the movies you are looking for, but it also depends on which titles Amazon Prime, Netflix or the BBC iPlayer host; on what results they bring when you search in the searching bar; also on whether you pay a subscription or your friend shares their Netflix account with you, or whether your mobile subscription plan gives you access to any of these.


In the following issues of the newsletter, we will show you different aspects of these platforms to make your use of the databases a more satisfactory experience.

In the meantime, if you would like to have group or individual training in literature search or you want to find out how to make the most of the health database platforms, contact [library.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:library.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk) for more information.



Require an article or a book? Want to learn how to perform a quicker and more effective search on specific topics? Need a literature search for guidelines, case studies, research papers or a quality improvement project?

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