

# Library and Knowledge Services Newsletter

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Our newsletter will keep you up to date with new resources and service developments as well as news from our team members.

## New library catalogue and more books to borrow!



NHS Trust staff across Lincolnshire now have access to a wider range of books and other features with the new HeLM library catalogue.

**Health Libraries in the Midlands (HeLM)** is a consortium of regional NHS libraries that share a book catalogue and allow items to be loaned out to NHS staff across the East and West Midlands.

**ULHT Library and Knowledge Services** joined the consortium earlier this year and we have been working hard to implement the changes to our catalogue and book lending as quickly and as smoothly as possible.

The new **book catalogue** can be found at [www.healthlibrariesmidlands.nhs.uk](http://www.healthlibrariesmidlands.nhs.uk) or using the QR code below. If you find a book that is available for loan from a library outside of Lincolnshire you can place a reservation and the book will be posted to your local ULHT library site for collection. We will continue to post books out to work address for staff working in the community.

You can borrow up to **16 books** at a time and most books can be borrowed for 6 weeks. Loans are automatically renewed five times unless an item has been reserved by another member of HeLM.

If you have borrowed books previously you should have received an email explaining the changes. You don't need to do anything if you're happy with these changes. If you are not currently registered to borrow books you can do so here:

<https://www.nhslincslibrary.uk/library-membership/>



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## Allied Health Professionals Research Forum

At the end of March Lesley and Laila, our Library and Information Specialists, were invited to give a presentation about the Library and Knowledge Services to the Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) Research Forum at the University of Lincoln.



It was great to meet some AHP researchers and to share some of the Library's services with them. We provide a varied range of support to help staff throughout their research projects such as literature searching and information skills training. We found it really interesting to hear about the different AHP-led research projects that are ongoing across the county.

If you would like to know about how NHS Library & Knowledge Service support Allied Health Professionals go to: <https://library.nhs.uk/alliedhealthprofessionals/>

## Deaf Awareness Month

The ULHT Mental and Physical Lived Experience (MAPLE) Staff Network is celebrating Deaf Awareness Month throughout May. The aim is to promote greater awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by the D/deaf community.

[100 basic signs in British Sign Language](#) Source: Commanding Hands on Youtube

[British Sign Language \(BSL\) health video library](#) Source: SignHealth

[Hearing loss in adults](#) Source: NICE Clinical Knowledge Summaries

[How to communicate with patients who are D/deaf or have hearing loss](#) Source: BMJ

Library and Knowledge Services have produced a resource collection for the month designed to keep staff up to date with the latest research evidence and discussion.

Some of the links in this collection are shared above. If you would like a copy of the collection please email: [clinical.librarian@ulh.nhs.uk](mailto:clinical.librarian@ulh.nhs.uk)

If you are interested in joining the MAPLE staff network at ULHT use the following link on Edge: <https://lincshealthandcare.sharepoint.com/sites/MAPLEStaffNetwork>.

If you are interested in joining the LCHS or LPFT Trust MAPLE staff network contact your local Equality, Diversity & Inclusion colleagues.

## Critically Appraising for Anti-Racism Toolkit

Racial bias in research impacts a study's relevancy, validity and reliability. At present this aspect is not addressed in critical appraisal tools, and consequently appraisers may often not take racial bias into account when assessing a paper's quality.

In response to this, a [supplementary tool](#) has been developed, to support appraisers in explicitly addressing racial bias. Cardiff University have also developed an [elearning tutorial](#) that aims to provide an awareness of the issues and consequences of underrepresentation of minoritised ethnic populations in research and of the difference between race and genetic ancestry and how this relates to research.

## You said...We answered!

A selection of comments we received from our latest survey and our answers to them.

<b><i>The lack of library staff always being available</i></b>	During Monday to Friday office hours library staff are contactable (it may be on another site). Contact details for other sites are displayed if a particular site is not staffed on a weekday. We aim to respond to enquiries as soon as possible after the weekend.
<b><i>Print books and journals are outdated</i></b>	We are currently reviewing the print collections at all sites. Please let us know if there is a particular book this refers to and we can check to see if there is a newer edition.

For more comments & answers go to <https://www.nhslincslibrary.uk/yousaidweanswered/>

## Monthly dashboard

### Article Requests

In **March** and **April** we provided access to **1056** articles.

### Literature Searches

In **March** and **April** we completed **44** searches.

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