


Appendix 1


Guide to sources of information

This is intended to help users of the Literature Search Protocols decide which information resources to search, in addition to providing information about access to these resources and assisting in the compilation of the search documentation. All information given below is believed to be correct at the time of publication; however the authors do not take responsibility for the accuracy of the information and recommends that individuals take steps to verify the information given. In particular, the section on technical specification aims to highlight any known issues with certain versions of web browsers. It was not possible to test every resource so this section is for guidance only and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

To quickly identify whether you'll be able to access the resources listed, please look out for the labels listed below.

	Access available to NHS healthcare staff with an Athens password. To register for a password go to http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases
FREE	Free access within the UK through the Internet.
Password	Access available through subscription only. Your local health or academic library may have a subscription.

FREE	Academic Health Sciences Network (Atlas of Solutions in Healthcare)	
Subject coverage: Features case studies across all 15 UK Academic Health Sciences Networks to increase spread of innovation in healthcare. Topics focus on gaps in Five Year Forward areas or clinical priorities – cardiovascular (including stroke), diabetes, long term conditions, medicine optimisation, mental health, respiratory, deteriorating patients, maternal and neonatal.		
Type of sources covered: Case studies of innovations		
Years covered: Not known		Frequency of updates: Not known
Producer: AHSN		Publisher / online host: AHSN
Web address: http://atlas.ahsnnetwork.com/		Password details: N/A
Technical specifications N/A		


	AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine)	
Subject coverage: A selection of journals in complementary medicine, palliative care, and several professions allied to medicine, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, rehabilitation, speech and language therapy, and podiatry. Alternative medicine topics include acupuncture, herbalism, homeopathy, hypnosis, medicinal plants and traditional medicines.		
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, newspapers and books		
Years covered: 1985-present		Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: British Library British Library / OVID		Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: https://hdas.nice.org.uk/		Password details: OpenAthens password required
Technical specifications Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.		

Password		ASSIA (Applied Social Sciences Index & Abstracts)	
Subject coverage Indexing and abstracting tool covering health, social services, psychology, sociology, economics, politics, race relations and education from over 500 journals published in 19 different countries			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles			
Years covered: 1987 to date		Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: Proquest		Publisher / online host: Proquest	
Web address: http://search.proquest.com/assia		Password details: Password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

Password		Biological Abstracts	
Subject coverage Database covering the fields of biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, botany, pre-clinical and experimental medicine, pharmacology, zoology, agriculture, and veterinary medicine from over 4,200 journals.			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles			
Years covered: 1969-present; backfiles 1926-1968 available separately		Frequency of updates: Twice-monthly	
Producer: Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters)		Publisher / online host: Available from OVID, EBSCO or Web of Science.	
Web address: EBSCO www.ebscohost.com/academic/biological-abstracts OVID www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/24.jsp Web of Science https://login.webofknowledge.com		Password details: Password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		BioMed Central	
Subject coverage Science, technology, engineering and medicine publisher with a portfolio of over 300 peer-reviewed open access journals spanning all areas of biology, medicine and health.			
Type of sources covered: Open access articles			
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: Springer Nature		Name of publisher / online host: BioMed Central	
Web address: www.biomedcentral.com		Password details: N/A	
Technical specifications: N/A			

Password		BIOSIS Previews and BIOSIS Citation Index	
Subject coverage BIOSIS Previews combines journal content from Biological Abstracts® with supplemental, non-journal coverage from Biological Abstracts/RRM® (Reports, Reviews, Meetings) BIOSIS Citation Index provides comprehensive life sciences coverage from over 5000 journals and 1500 meetings across all major areas in the life sciences, including molecular and cell biology, pharmacology, endocrinology, genetics, neurosciences, infectious diseases, ecology and organismal biology			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, reports, books, serials, monographs, meetings, US patents			
Years covered: 1926 - present		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters)		Publisher / online host: Web of Science or OVID	
Web address: Web of Science https://login.webofknowledge.com OVID http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/26.jsp		Password details: Password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			


		BNI (British Nursing Index)	
Subject coverage			
Indexes articles from the most popular English language nursing journals published primarily in the UK. Covers all aspects of nursing, midwifery and community healthcare. Includes selective content from medical, allied health and management titles.			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, trade journals, dissertations and theses			
Years covered: 1985 to present		Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: Proquest		Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services	
Web address: https://hdas.nice.org.uk/		Password details: OpenAthens password required	
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.			

FREE		CADTH	
Subject coverage: CADTH is an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for providing health care decision-makers with objective evidence, recommendations and tools to help make informed decisions about the optimal use of health technologies, including: drugs, diagnostic tests, medical, dental, and surgical devices and procedures.			
Types of sources covered: Reports, tools, news, reviews, events, projects in progress			
Years covered: 1995-present		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health		Publisher / online host: Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health	
Web address: https://www.cadth.ca/		Password details: No password required	

FREE		The Campbell Collaboration Online Library including Systematic Reviews	
Subject coverage: Online access to the full text of systematic reviews undertaken by the Campbell Collaboration in the areas of Crime and Justice, Disability, Education, International Development, Nutrition and Social Welfare. There is also access to the full text of plain language summaries, planned publications (titles and protocols), methods series and evidence gaps. The Campbell Collaboration is an international research network based on voluntary co-operation between researchers from different backgrounds.			
Types of sources covered: Systematic reviews, plain language summaries, planned publications (titles and protocols), methods series; evidence gaps			
Years covered: 2004-present		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: The Campbell Collaboration (C2)		Publisher / online host: The Campbell Collaboration (C2)	
Web address: www.campbellcollaboration.org		Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		Centre for Reviews and Dissemination	
Subject coverage			
The Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE) and the NHS Economic Evaluation Database (NHS EED) provide access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Over 35,000 quality assessed systematic reviews of health and social care interventions •Summaries of all Cochrane systematic reviews and protocols up to March 2015 •Over 17,000 economic evaluations of health and social care interventions <p>The Department of Health and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funded the production of DARE and NHS EED between 1994 and March 2015. Although funding has ceased and no longer adding new records to the databases both can be accessed via the CRD website.</p> <p>DARE includes systematic reviews that evaluate the effects of health and social care interventions and the delivery and organisation of health and social care services. Also included are reviews of the wider determinants of health such as housing, and transport where these impact directly on health, or have the potential to impact on health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The HTA database will continue to be maintained for the foreseeable future at CRD and currently provides access to over 15,000 summaries of</p>			

completed and ongoing health technology assessments Weekly searches of MEDLINE, EMBASE, CINAHL, PsycINFO and PubMed were carried out up until the end of December 2014	
Type of sources covered: assessed systematic reviews of health and social care interventions	
Years covered: DARE and NHSEED until at least 2021	Frequency of updates: The HTA database will continue to be maintained for the foreseeable future at CRD and currently
Producer: Centre for Reviews and Dissemination	Publisher / online host: Centre for Reviews and Dissemination
Web address: Archive access to DARE and NHS EE databases www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/ DARE Abstracts are also available via Pubmed Health http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmedhealth/ HTAs can also be searched via https://www.cadth.ca/resources/hta-database-canadian-search-interface	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications N/A	

	
CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)	
Subject coverage Covers all aspects of nursing and allied health disciplines. Seventeen allied health disciplines are covered, including: cardiopulmonary technology, dental hygiene, emergency services, medical/laboratory technology, occupational therapy, optometry, physical therapy and rehabilitation, social service in health care, speech-language pathology, nutrition and dietetics, audiology and surgical technology. Journals from biomedicine, alternative therapy, health sciences librarianship, health promotion/education, and consumer health are also scanned for relevant articles.	
Type of sources covered, e.g. journals, dissertations : Journal articles, books, dissertations, selected conference proceedings.	
Years covered: 1981-present	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: EBSCO	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: https://hdas.nice.org.uk/	Password details: OpenAthens password required
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.	

FREE	
Clinical Knowledge Summaries	
Subject coverage: Concise, accessible summaries of current evidence for primary care professionals; over 350 topics focus on the most common and significant presentations in primary care	
Types of resources covered: Systematic reviews, guidelines, RCTs, HTAs, evidence-based reviews & summaries, national policies, expert opinion, patient experiences and medicines. High-quality secondary evidence from NICE accredited resources - like NICE guidance and Cochrane systematic reviews - is identified first.	
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: CKS content is continually reviewed and updated to ensure it is relevant and accurate. 65+ updates and up to 10 new topics are produced each year. Title screen for each topic gives revision date.
Producer: Clarity Informatics Ltd; commissioned and funded by NICE	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: http://cks.nice.org.uk/	Access details: No password required.
Technical specifications: N/A	

FREE	ClinicalTrials.gov	
Subject coverage A registry and summary results database of publicly and privately supported clinical studies conducted around the world for a wide range of diseases and conditions. Information is provided and updated by the sponsor or principal investigator of the study. Searchable by many fields including condition, intervention, outcome measures, sponsor/collaborator and location. (Including an archive searchable by NCTid)		
Type of sources covered: Clinical trials, observational studies, and programs providing access to investigational drugs outside of clinical trials		
Years covered: 2000 (results from 2008)	Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: National Library of Medicine (US)	Publisher / online host: US National Institutes of Health	
Web address: www.clinicaltrials.gov	Password details: No password required.	
Technical specifications N/A		

FREE	Cochrane Library	
Subject coverage: systematic reviews across all areas of healthcare, critical appraisals of systematic reviews, reports of controlled trials, trial methodology, health technology assessments and economic evaluations.]		
Type of sources covered: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR): full text of evidence based systematic reviews of health care interventions prepared by The Cochrane Collaboration. Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL): the largest register of reports of controlled trials in the world. Health Technology Assessment Database: details of completed and ongoing health technology assessments (studies of the medical, social, ethical and economic implications of healthcare interventions) from around the world. Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects: critical appraisals of systematic reviews published elsewhere. <i>This database is no longer being updated</i> Cochrane Database of Methodology Reviews: the most specific collection of records for reports and empirical studies relating to the methods of systematic reviews and the evaluation of health and social care more generally. <i>This database is no longer updated</i> NHS Economic Evaluation Database: assessments of economic evaluations of health care interventions. <i>This database is no longer being updated</i>		
Years covered: CDSR: 1995 – present CENTRAL: 1995-present CMR: 1995-July 2012 DARE: 1995 – April 2015 HTA: 1995- Oct 2016 EED: 1995- April 2015	Frequency of updates: CDSR: continuously CENTRAL: monthly. HTA: quarterly to last update in Oct 2016 DARE and NHS EED: quarterly up to April 2015, when updating stopped.	
Producer: Cochrane Collaboration	Publisher / online host: WileyOnline	
Web address: www.thecochranelibrary.com or via http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases	Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications [N/A]		


Password	Conference Proceedings Citation Index	
Subject coverage: helps researchers access the published literature from the most significant conferences, symposia, seminars, colloquia, workshops, and conventions worldwide. This resource offers a complete view of conference proceedings and their impact on global research, letting you use cited reference searching to track emerging ideas and new research beyond what is covered in the journal literature. Two editions cover the sciences and social sciences		
Type of sources covered: conference proceedings		
Years covered: 1990-	Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters)	Publisher / online Host: Web of Science	
Web address: https://login.webofknowledge.com	Password details: Password required	
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE	DART Europe E-Thesis Portal	
Subject coverage: Open access repository of research projects on wide variety of subjects. Dart-Europe is the working group of the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations		
Type of sources covered: Theses from over 500 universities in 28 European countries. Abstract or full text available.		
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: DART Europe	Publisher / online Host: DART Europe	
Web address: http://www.dart-europe.eu/basic-search.php	Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE	DUETs (UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments)	
Subject coverage: The UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments (UK DUETs) publishes treatment uncertainties from patients, carers, clinicians, and from research recommendations, covering a wide variety of health problems.		
Type of sources covered, e.g. journals, dissertations: Patients', carers' and clinicians' questions about the effects of treatment, research recommendations in reports of systematic reviews of existing research and in clinical guidelines, ongoing research studies		
Years covered: No specific date range	Frequency of updates: Last updated on 2016	
Producer: NICE- DUETs has now been incorporated into NHS Evidence.	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services	
Web address: https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/	Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A		

Password	Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin (DTB)	
Subject coverage: Rigorous and independent evaluations of, and practical advice on, individual treatments and the overall management of disease for doctors, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals. DTB is wholly independent of the pharmaceutical industry, Government and regulatory authorities and is free of advertising and other forms of commercial sponsorship.		
Type of sources covered: published research, including reports on clinical trials and systematic reviews.		
Years covered: 1962-present	Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: BMJ Publishing Group Ltd	Publisher / online host: BMJ Publishing Group Ltd	
Web address: http://dtb.bmj.com/	Password details: Password required	
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE	electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC)	
Subject coverage: The electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) contains up to date, easily accessible information about medicines licensed for use in the UK. The eMC has more than 10,600 documents, all of which have been checked and approved by either the UK or European government agencies which license medicines. These agencies are the UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA).		
Type of sources covered: Summaries of product characteristics. An SPC tells healthcare professionals, such as doctors, pharmacists and nurses, how to prescribe and use a medicine correctly. An SPC is based on clinical trials that a pharmaceutical company has carried out, and gives information about dose, use and possible side effects.		
Patient information leaflets: A PIL is the leaflet that is included in the pack with a medicine. The PIL is a summary of the SPC and is written for patients. The eMC website is managed and owned by Datapharm Communications Limited, known as Datapharm. They work with pharmaceutical companies, the NHS, and other healthcare organisations to provide good information about medicines.		
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC)	Publisher / online host: electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC)	
Web address: https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/	Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A		

	
EMBASE	
Subject coverage: A major biomedical and pharmaceutical database indexing over 3,500 international journals in the following fields: drug research, pharmacology, pharmaceuticals, toxicology, clinical and experimental human medicine, health policy and management, public health, occupational health, environmental health, drug dependence and abuse, psychiatry, forensic medicine, and biomedical and pharmaceutical engineering/instrumentation. There is also selective coverage for nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, psychology, and alternative medicine.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles	
Years covered: 1974-present	Frequency of updates: Weekly
Producer: Elsevier	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: https://hdas.nice.org.uk/	Password details: OpenAthens password required
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.	

Emcare	
Subject coverage: Nursing and allied health database ideal for practice, research, or education. Access to nearly 5 million records. Subject coverage includes: nursing, nursing administration & management, medical & nursing education, critical & intensive care, emergency services, family practice, community & home care, geriatrics & palliative care, anaesthesiology & pain medicine, behavioral Science & psychology, complementary medicine, dermatology & wound care, healthcare information & management, medical & laboratory technology, nutrition & dietetics, obstetrics & gynaecology, oncology & cancer care, paediatrics, physiotherapy & rehabilitation, public & occupational health, social medicine.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles	
Years covered: 1995-present	Frequency of updates: Weekly
Producer: Ovid	Publisher / online host: Elsevier
Web address: http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/14007.jsp#horizontalTab2	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

Emerging Sources Citation Index	
Subject coverage: Part of the Web of Science Core Collection, ESCI aids retrieval of high-quality, peer-reviewed publications of regional importance and in emerging research fields by key opinion leaders, funders, and evaluators worldwide. Get real-time insight into a journal's citation performance while the content is considered for inclusion in other Web of Science collections.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles	
Years covered: 2015- (NB: Emerging Sources Citation Index Backfile is available as a separate database and covers the years 2005-2014)	Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters)	Publisher / online host: Web Of Science
Web address: http://wokinfo.com/products_tools/multidisciplinary/esci/	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	


Epistemonikos	
Subject coverage: Epistemonikos is a collaborative, multilingual database of health evidence. It is the largest source of systematic reviews relevant for health-decision making, and a large source of other types of scientific evidence. It pulls together reviews and other studies from sources such as Cochrane Library, JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports, Pubmed, CINAHL, EMBASE and others	
Type of sources covered: Mainly systematic reviews but also includes some primary research studies.	
Years covered: Not known	Frequency of updates: Not known
Producer: Epistemonikos Foundation	Publisher / online host: Epistemonikos Foundation
Web address: https://www.epistemonikos.org/en/	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A	


FREE	ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)	
Subject coverage: Education and training, education research, preschool to adult and higher education		
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, books, theses, research reports, conference papers, federal standards, educational guides, electronic publications and historical materials		
Years covered: 1966-present	Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: Institute of Education Sciences USA	Publisher / online host: US Department of Education	
Web address: www.eric.ed.gov/	Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE	ETHOS (Electronic Thesis Online Service)	
Subject coverage: All subjects		
Type of sources covered: 465,000 UK Doctoral research theses from @120+ participating institutions		
Years covered: 1770-present	Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: British Library	Publisher / online host: British Library	
Web address: http://ethos.bl.uk/	Password details: No password required to search. There is a charge for full text.	
Technical specifications: N/A		

Password	Global Health	
Subject coverage: Communicable diseases (including HIV/AIDS), tropical diseases, (including field and experimental studies), parasitic diseases and parasitology - medical entomology, human nutrition (including food composition, food poisoning, effects of diet on health, nutritional disorders, and experimental aspects), community and public health (including chronic diseases, occupational health, health status indicators, the impact of agriculture on health, and cancer epidemiology, maternal and child health), medicinal and poisonous plants (including pharmacology, tissue culture, animal studies, plant composition, allergens, and toxins).		
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, books and reports, patents, theses, conference proceedings, More than 160,000 records are added each year, and over 95% of these records include an English abstract. Publications from over 100 countries in 50 languages are abstracted.		
Years covered: 1973–present (NB: Global Health Archive is available as a separate database and covers the years 1910-1983)	Frequency of updates: Weekly	
Producer: CABI	Publisher / online host: CABI	
Web address: www.cabdirect.org	Password details: Password required	
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE	Google Scholar	
Subject coverage: Google scholar covers all fields and disciplines and is thought to contain over 100 million citations. It may be useful to search in addition to commercial databases for additional coverage however, when searching Google Scholar be aware of its ranking system and also the tendency to include predatory journals.		
Type of sources covered: Articles, patents.		
Years covered: Not known	Frequency of updates: Several times a week	
Producer: Google	Publisher / online host: Google	
Web address: https://scholar.google.com/	Password details: N/A	
Technical specifications: N/A		

	
Health Business Elite	
Subject coverage: Provides journal content detailing all aspects of health care administration and other non-clinical aspects of health care institution management. Topics covered include hospital management, hospital administration, marketing, human resources, computer technology, facilities management and insurance.	
Type of sources covered: Journals	
Years covered: 1922-present	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: EBSCO	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: https://hdas.nice.org.uk/	Password details: OpenAthens password required
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.	

	
HMIC (Health Management Information Consortium)	
Subject coverage: The Health Management Information Consortium (HMIC) database is a compilation of data from two sources, the Department of Health's Library and Information Services and King's Fund Information and Library Service. DH Data covers health service policy, management and administration, with an emphasis on the NHS; the quality of health services including hospitals, nursing, primary care and public health; the planning, design, construction and maintenance of health service buildings; occupational health; control and regulation of medicines; medical equipment and supplies; and social care and personal social services. The King's Fund database covers health management and services, social care, service development, and NHS organisation and administration, mostly with a UK focus. Also available to search at http://kingsfund.koha-ptfs.eu/	
Type of sources covered:	
Years covered: : 1983 to present (DH Data); 1979 to present (King's Fund)	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Department of Health and the King's Fund	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: https://hdas.nice.org.uk/	Password details: OpenAthens password required
Technical specifications Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page	

FREE	International Guideline Library	
Password		
Subject coverage: The International Guideline Library offers links to all organisational members' guidelines, as well as development and training resources, relevant literature, helpful links and additional tools regarding guidelines and their implementation. The Guidelines International Network (G-I-N) has the world's largest international guideline library. It is a Network of individual and organisations interested in guidelines. The vision of G-I-N is to lead the field of guideline development and implementation.		
Type of sources covered: Guidelines, reports, systematic reviews, implementation tools		
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: Guidelines International Network (G-I-N)	Publisher / online host: World Health Organisation	
Web address: https://www.g-i-n.net/library/international-guidelines-library	Password details: No password required, but some resources are open only to Guidelines International Network members.	
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE	International Clinical Trials Registry Platform – Search Portal	
Subject coverage: The Clinical Trials Search Portal provides access to a central database containing the trial registration data sets provided by international registries including ClinicalTrials.gov and EU Clinical Trials Register ISRCTN. Search by recruitment status, sponsor, country of recruitment, clinical trials, date of registration.		
Type of sources covered: Clinical trials		
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: Weekly or monthly depending on the registry	


Producer: World Health Organisation	Publisher / online host: World Health Organisation
Web address: http://apps.who.int/trialsearch/	Password details: No password required.
Technical specifications: N/A	

FREE	International Standard Randomised Controlled Trial Number Registry (ISRCTN registry)
Subject coverage: The ISRCTN registry is a primary clinical trial registry recognised by WHO and ICMJE that accepts all clinical research studies (whether proposed, ongoing or completed), providing content validation and curation and the unique identification number necessary for publication. All study records in the database are freely accessible and searchable.	
Type of sources covered: over the years the scope of the registry has widened beyond randomized controlled trials to include any study designed to assess the efficacy of health interventions in a human population. This includes both observational and interventional trials.	
Years covered: 2000 onwards	Frequency of updates: Daily
Producer: ISRCTN	Publisher / online host: Biomed Central
Web address: http://www.isrctn.com/	Password details: No password required to search. Sign-up only necessary when registering trials
Technical specifications: N/A	

FREE	Local Practice Case Studies (formerly QIPP)
Subject coverage: A collection of over 500 working examples of quality improvement initiatives in health and social care services	
Type of sources covered: Case studies of locally implemented quality improvement programmes by a range of health, local government and social care organisations for shared learning and also peer-reviewed quality improvement with cost savings case studies produced by NICE	
Years covered: 2006-present	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: NICE	Publisher / online host: NHS Evidence Services
Web address: http://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/into-practice/local-practice-case-studies	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications:	

Password	Maternity and Infant Care
Subject coverage: Compiled by MIDIRS (Midwives Information and Resource Service), Maternity and Infant Care draws together references from journal articles, book chapters, reports, pamphlets, news items, audio visual materials, conference proceedings and other 'grey literature' relating to the midwifery profession, pregnancy, labour, birth, postnatal care, infant feeding, neonatal care up until two years of age, and the transition to parenthood	
Types of resources covered: References to journal articles, book chapters, reports, pamphlets, news items, audio visual materials, conference proceedings and other 'grey literature'	
Years covered: 1971-present	Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: MIDIRS	Publisher / online host: Wolters Kluwers /Ovid
Web address: http://ovidsp.ovid.com	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

Password	Medicines Complete
Subject coverage: Drug and compound analysis, drug interactions, formulation development, regulatory compliance and quality assurance.	
Types of resources covered: Reports, case studies, systematic reviews. Access to pharmaceutical resources including <i>Stockley's Drug interactions</i> and <i>Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference</i>	
Years covered: 2004-present	Frequency of updates: Regular updates
Producer: Royal Pharmaceutical Society	Publisher / online host: Pharmaceutical Press
Web address: https://www.medicinescomplete.com/#/	Access details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

	
MEDLINE	
Subject coverage: Contains a broad range of medical topics relating to research, clinical practice, administration, policy issues, and health care services. Subject content includes anatomy, communication disorders, microbiology, paramedical professions, pathology, physiology, psychiatry, toxicology, dentistry, parasitology, reproductive biology, epidemiology, gene therapy, surgical and pharmaceutical intervention, nursing practice, ethical and legal issues, institutional operations, laboratory techniques and procedures, diagnosis and management, clinical research trials and experimental treatment protocols, legislation and regulation, allied health specialties, continuing education, investigational drugs and new drug uses, and some veterinary medicine.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, newspaper articles, reports	
Years covered: 1946-present	Frequency of updates: Daily from Tuesday to Saturday; 2,000-4,000 references per update
Producer: US National Library of Medicine	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: https://hdas.nice.org.uk/	Password details: OpenAthens password required
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.	

FREE	
metaRegister of Controlled Trials	
Subject coverage: An international database of ongoing (and some completed) controlled trials in all aspects of health care. It is possible to simultaneously search active registers from ClinicalTrials.gov and the International Standard Randomised Controlled Trial Number register (ISRCTN) and subsets such as the NIHR HTA programme, the Wellcome Trust as well as archived registers from specific organisations. There is a separate register for trials in mental health and links to a detailed list of other trial registers. At the time of publication, the service was under review.	
Types of resources covered: On-going (and some completed) randomised controlled trials	
Years covered: The database was established in 1998	Frequency of updates: Variable for each register
Producer: ISRCTN	Publisher / online host: Biomed
Web address: http://www.isrctn.com/page/mrct	Access details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

Password	
Micromedex	
Subject coverage: Evidence-based content on drugs, side-by-side drug comparisons, diseases, acute care, toxicology and alternative medicines.	
Types of resources covered: The editorial team review, evaluate, and synthesize more than half a million articles annually to provide the best treatment recommendations and guidelines.	
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: IBM Watson Health	Publisher / online host: Truven Health Analytics
Web address:	Access details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

FREE	
National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network Portfolio database	
Subject coverage: High-quality clinical research studies covering all specialties that are eligible for support from the NIHR Clinical Research Network. This comprises portfolios for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. These four Portfolios are held on a single information system: the Central Portfolio Management System (CPMS) which is a cloud-based portfolio management system, replacing the UKCRN Portfolio and Industry Application Gateway databases. Now the Central Portfolio Management System is live, the public Portfolio search function has moved to the UK Clinical Trials Gateway .	
Type of sources covered: research studies that are being set up, recruiting or closed/suspended	
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: National Institute for Health Research	Publisher / online host: National Institute for Health Research
Web address: https://www.nihr.ac.uk/research-and-impact/nihr-clinical-research-network-portfolio/	Password details: NIHR Hub account or nihr.ac.uk email address. NHS employees & Health researchers can register https://odp.nihr.ac.uk/qlikview/
Technical specifications: N/A	

FREE	National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Journals Library	
Subject coverage: Comprises a suite of five open access journals providing an important and permanent archive of research funded by the NIHR. Reports published in the NIHR Journals Library provide a full account of the research project, including methods and a full description of the results. The full reports complement shorter articles submitted for publication in other peer-review journals which the NIHR actively encourages researchers to do as part of their dissemination strategy.		
Type of sources covered: Journal titles include: Effectiveness and Mechanism Evaluation; Health Services and Delivery Research; Health Technology Assessment; Programme Grants for Applied Research; Public Health Research		
Years covered: Varies by title		Frequency of updates: Varies by title
Producer: NHS National Institute for Health Research		Publisher / online host: NHS National Institute for Health Research
Web address: https://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/		Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE	NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence)	
Subject coverage: NICE is an independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance to improve health and social care. Provides evidence-based guidance and advice on preventing and managing specific conditions, improving public health, managing medicines, planning services and interventions, and the use of health technologies (such as new and existing medicines, devices, diagnostic agents and procedures) within the NHS in England. These appraisals are based primarily on evaluations of efficacy, safety and cost-effectiveness. Also develops quality standards and performance metrics for providers and commissioners of health, public health and social care.		
Type of sources covered: Guidelines, pathways, quality standards, performance metrics, technology appraisals		
Years covered: April 1999-present. Social care sector covered since 2013.		Frequency of updates: Published guidelines are reviewed every two to four years to decide if an update is needed. Quality standards are reviewed every year and updated as required.
Producer: National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence		Publisher / online host: NICE
Web address: www.nice.org.uk		Password details: No password required.
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE	NICE Evidence Search	
Subject coverage: Evidence search is a search engine providing access to high quality, authoritative evidence-based information and best practice advice. It is unique in that it provides access to clinical, drugs and technologies, commissioning and health care management, social care and public health evidence through a single point of access.		
It allows you to search for high quality evidence and content from many of the sources listed in this document such as The Campbell Library of Systematic Reviews, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination databases, Clinical Knowledge Summaries, ClinicalTrials.gov, Cochrane Library, Electronic Medicines Compendium, NIHR Journals Library, NICE content, selected systematic reviews from PubMed, Social Care Online. It also contains current awareness selected by UKMi and is the only single point of access for all guidance which has been accredited by NICE. Since the closure of the CRD DARE database, systematic reviews are selected from PubMed and added to NICE Evidence search on a weekly basis.		
Type of sources covered: guidance, systematic reviews, evidence summaries, care pathways, commissioning guides, medicines management, drug costs, drug prescribing, safety, regulatory and marketing, health technology assessments, evidence uncertainties (research recommendations), ongoing trials, patient information, policy and service development, population intelligence, selected primary research, quality measures. Since the closure of CRD DARE, Evidence search is a good source of selected systematic reviews.		
Years covered: Content must be currently available from the source website		Frequency of updates: Depends on source. Can be daily.
Producer: NICE		Publisher / online host: NICE
Web address: http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/		Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE	NICE Medicines and Prescribing	
Subject coverage: Medicines and prescribing – including medicines optimisation		
Type of sources covered: Evidence summaries – new medicines, unlicensed or off label medicine; practice guidelines; key therapeutic topics summarise the evidence-base on topics identified to support medicines optimisation, but are not formal NICE guidance.		
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: NICE		Publisher / online host: NICE
Web address: http://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/medicines-and-prescribing		Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE	NDLTD (Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations)	
Subject coverage: The NDLTD provides access to international electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) with multidisciplinary subject coverage from a wide range of member institutions. NDLTD was started as a pilot project in 1996.		
Type of sources covered: Theses and dissertations; international coverage.		
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD).		Publisher / online host: NDLTD Union Catalogue is a joint development by NDLTD and the online hosts, OCLC, VTLS, & Scirus
Web address: Global search http://search.ndltd.org/ or browse resources by country http://www.ndltd.org/resources/find-etds		Password details: No password required
Technical specification: N/A		

Password	Northern Light	
Subject coverage: Northern Light is a grey literature database, ideal for research scientists at pharmaceutical and biotech companies, healthcare organizations, academic institutions, research libraries, and research teams at hospitals. Access to over 2 million life sciences conference abstracts and posters from over 3,000 medical and life science conferences from around the globe. Northern Light's conference abstracts and posters collection provides a comprehensive database of life sciences research information, often several years before that information is published in industry or academic journals.		
Type of sources covered: Conference abstracts, posters (include data tables, graphs and images)		
Years covered: 2010-present		Frequency of updates: Daily
Producer: Northern Light Group LLC		Publisher / online Host: Ovid
Web address: http://ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/13207.jsp#horizontalTab2		Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE	OAIster Database	
Subject coverage: All subjects - OAIster is a union catalogue of millions of records representing open access resources that was built by harvesting from open access collections worldwide using the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH). OAIster includes more than 30 million records representing digital resources from more than 1,500 contributors.		
Types of resources covered: books, e-books, journal articles, computer files, theses, archival material, images, maps, websites, videos		
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: OCLC		Publisher / online host: OCLC
Web address: http://oaister.worldcat.org/		Access details: No password required
Technical specification: N/A		

FREE	OpenDOAR	
Subject coverage: <i>OpenDOAR</i> is primarily a service to enhance and support the academic and research activities of the global community. <i>OpenDOAR</i> maintains a comprehensive and authoritative list of institutional and subject-based repositories. It also encompasses archives supported by funding agencies like the National Institutes for Health in the USA or the Wellcome Trust in the UK and Europe. You can limit your search to health and medicine repositories in the UK – if required.		

Type of sources covered: Access to research outputs (including theses) and reports of academic and research based organisations, images and data-sets. Only resources providing open access to full text resources are included. Its scope excludes open access journals.	
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: University of Nottingham	Publisher / online host: University of Nottingham
Web address: http://www.opendoar.org/find.php	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

FREE	Open Grey (System for Information on Grey Literature in Europe)
Subject coverage: A multidisciplinary European database covering science, technology, biomedical sciences, economics, social sciences and humanities.	
Types of sources covered: Technical or research reports, doctoral dissertations, conference papers, official publications, and other types of grey literature. Includes full text conference preprints of GreyNet International.	
Years covered: 1997-present	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Institut de l'Information Scientifique et Technique	Publisher / online host: Institut de l'Information Scientifique et Technique
Web address: http://www.opengrey.eu/	Access details: No password required
Technical specification: N/A	


FREE	OTseeker
Subject coverage: Database that contains abstracts of systematic reviews and randomised controlled trials relevant to occupational therapy It is designed to help occupational therapists use research evidence about occupational therapy interventions to inform their practice by quickly locating it. In addition to the main database, OTseeker includes the following key resources: Implementing Evidence in Practice http://www.otseeker.com/Resources/ImplementingEvidence/Default.aspx and Injury Management Resources http://www.otseeker.com/IMR/Main.aspx	
Type of sources covered: randomised controlled trials, systematic reviews, includes links to other evidence based resources	
Years covered: 2002-	Frequency of updates: New trials are added approximately every month
Producer: Collaboration between University of Queensland, University of Sydney and University of Western Sydney.	Publisher / online host: OTseeker
Web address: http://www.otseeker.com/	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications N/A	

FREE	Pedro (Physiotherapy Evidence Database)
Subject coverage: Database of over 39,000 randomised trials, systematic reviews and clinical practice guidelines in physiotherapy.	
Type of sources covered: Randomised controlled trials, systematic reviews and clinical guideline.	
Years covered: 1929-present	Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: Centre for Evidence-Based Physiotherapy	Publisher / online host: Centre for Evidence-Based Physiotherapy
Web address: www.pedro.org.au/	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications N/A	

Password	Proquest Dissertation and Theses database UK & Ireland (also known as <i>Index to Theses</i>)
Subject coverage: The most comprehensive available record of doctoral theses from the United Kingdom and Ireland. Also known as Index to Theses. Currently comprises over half a million records, with some additional 15,000 citations added annually. Bibliographic listings for content for 1950-1986. Abstracts for content since 1986	
Type of sources covered: Doctoral and master's theses - abstracts or full text dependent upon subscription.	
Years covered: 1716–present (Bibliographic listings only 1950-1986; Abstracts since 1986)	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Proquest	Publisher / online Host: Proquest

Web address: http://www.proquest.com/products-services/pgdt_uk_ireland.html	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

FREE	Prospero (International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews)	
Subject coverage: PROSPERO includes protocol details for systematic reviews relevant to health and social care, welfare, public health, education, crime, justice, and international development, where there is a health related outcome. Literature reviews, and systematic reviews simply looking at the reporting of and/or use of outcomes in research would not be included.		
Type of sources covered: Systematic reviews		
Years covered: Not stated but database began in 2011		Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Centre for Reviews and Dissemination		Publisher / online host: University of York, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination
Web address: https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO/		Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A		

		PsycINFO (Psychological Abstracts)	
Subject coverage: Provides access to international literature in psychology and related disciplines. Includes information on drug and behavioural therapy, treatment of disease, drug addiction, developmental psychology, and educational psychology, as well as the psychological aspects of such areas as linguistics, social processes, pharmacology, physiology, nursing, education, anthropology, business and law.			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, books, book chapters, theses and dissertations			
Years covered: 1806-present		Frequency of updates: Weekly	
Producer: American Psychological Association / Proquest		Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services	
Web address: https://hdas.nice.org.uk/		Password details: OpenAthens password required	
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.			

FREE	PubMed		
Subject coverage: Clinical medicine, biomedical sciences, nursing, dentistry, preclinical sciences, health care systems, life sciences, chemical sciences			
Type of sources covered: PubMed comprises over 28 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, articles from life science journals deposited in PubMed Central, author manuscripts deposited in PubMed Central, online books from the NCBI Bookshelf, and some journal articles which are out-of-scope for MEDLINE (primarily general science and chemistry). PubMed also includes in-process citations for MEDLINE, providing basic information and abstracts before a record is indexed with MeSH heading(s) and added to MEDLINE. It also includes some articles from MEDLINE indexed journals published ahead of print, and citations that precede the date a journal was selected for MEDLINE indexing.			
Years covered: 1946-present		Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: National Center for Biotechnology Information, US National Library of Medicine		Publisher / online host: National Center for Biotechnology Information, US National Library of Medicine	
Web address: www.pubmed.gov		Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/about/pr-browsers/			

Password	Science Citation Index Expanded		
Multidisciplinary subject coverage, including: Medicine, dentistry, toxicology, rehabilitation, behavioural sciences, healthcare sciences and services			
Type of sources covered: articles, reports, papers, discussions, editorials, notes, reviews			

Years covered: 1970–present (back files covering 1945-1969 are available separately)	Frequency of updates: Weekly
Producer: Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters)	Publisher / online host: Web of Science
Web address: Web of Knowledge https://login.webofknowledge.com	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

Password	
Scopus	
Subject coverage: The largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature covering more than 22,000 titles from the scientific, technical, medical, social sciences and arts and humanities. It contains 70 million records.	
Type of sources covered: peer-reviewed journals, books, trade publications, book series, conference papers, patents. Meeting abstracts as opposed to conference papers are not covered by Scopus.	
Years covered: 1996-present (33 million records) 1823-1996 (21 million records)	Frequency of updates: Daily
Producer: Elsevier	Publisher / online host: Elsevier
Web address: http://www.scopus.com/home.url	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: Scopus no longer supports IE9 or lower. Use IE10 or higher or Google Chrome or Firefox	

FREE	
Social Care Online	
Subject coverage: Covers all aspects of social care and social work. Social Care Online was first launched in May 2005. Previously it was known as the Electronic Library for Social Care (eLSC). Content originates from the National Institute for Social Work library and includes resources dating back to the 1980s.	
Changes to Social Care Online: From March users of Social Care Online will be asked to Register or login to access all the following features	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •search filters in standard search •links to available resources •advanced search •the saved search function •email alerts 	
Social Care Online will remain free to use, but remember to Register or login to make the best use of the resource.	
Types of resources covered: legislation, government documents, practice and guidance, systematic reviews, research briefings, UK grey (informally-published) literature, books and journal articles	
Years covered: 1980-present	Frequency of updates: Daily
Producer: Social Care Institute for Excellence	Publisher / online host: Social Care Institute for Excellence
Web address: www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk/	Access details: No password required
Technical specification: N/A	

Password	
Social Policy and Practice	
Subject coverage: Contains over 300,000 bibliographic records and abstracts; indexing 600 UK and international journals relating to evidence-based social policy and practice. 24,000 new records added annually. Topics include children and young people, older people, families and parenting, community health, homelessness, disability and special needs, community safety, equality and social work. Social Policy and Practice brings together information from 5 databases: AgeInfo - Centre for Policy on Ageing ChildData - National Children's Bureau NSPCC - National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Planex - Idox Information Service Social Care Online - Social Care Institute for Excellence	
Type of sources covered: Journals and research reports, some 50% of the references are to grey literature, including semi-published reports, working papers, local and central government reports, and material from the voluntary sector and charities. Includes publications from national and regional government departments, public agencies, local authorities, third-sector organisations, consultancy and professional bodies, academic think tanks and research departments.	
Years covered: 1981-present	Frequency of updates: Quarterly

Producer ESRC Centre for Evidence Based Policy and Practice facilitated the grouping of the database producers. Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA); Idox Information Service; National Children's Bureau (NCB); Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)	Publisher / online host: OvidSP
Web address: http://ovidsp.ovid.com	Password details: Password required
Technical specification: N/A	

Password	
Social Sciences Citation Index	
Subject coverage: Provides access to the bibliographic and citation information from approximately 3,000 social sciences journals across 55 social science disciplines. International with a North American bias.	
Type of sources covered: Items from journals including original research articles, reviews, editorials, chronologies and abstracts.	
Years covered: 1956 – present Internet via Web of Science™ Core Collection;(backfiles to 1900-1955 available separately)	Frequency of updates: Weekly
Producer: Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters)	Publisher / online host: Web of Science
Web address: https://login.webofknowledge.com	Password details: Password required
Technical specification: N/A	

FREE	
SPS (NHS Specialist Pharmacy Service)	
Subject coverage: SPS produces a range of resources to support medicines management and patient safety initiatives across the NHS. By joining together experts, it aims to create a rich source of impartial advice for pharmacists, GPs and clinicians to use free of charge and to help commissioners, providers of NHS services and healthcare professionals in their day to day work.	
Type of sources covered: Regulatory advice, policies, guidance and standards, patient group directions, medicines articles	
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: NHS England, Specialist Pharmacy Service	Publisher / online host: Specialist Pharmacy Service
Web address: https://www.sps.nhs.uk/	Password details: No password required
Technical specification: N/A	

FREE	
SUMSearch2	
Subject coverage: SUMSearch claims to simultaneously search for original studies, systematic reviews, and practice guidelines from multiple sources. Also claims that results from MEDLINE, Dare and National Guidelines Clearinghouse (NGC) are merged and sorted.	
Type of sources covered: Original studies, systematic reviews, and practice guidelines.	
Years covered: Varies according to source(s) searched.	Frequency of updates: Varies dependant on sources.
Producer: University of Kansas	Publisher / online host: University of Kansas
Web address: http://sumsearch.org/	Password details: No password required
Technical specification: N/A	

FREE	
TOXNET (TOXicology Data NETwork)	
Subject coverage: TOXNET is a group of databases covering chemicals and drugs, diseases and the environment, environmental health, occupational safety and health, poisoning, risk assessment and regulations and toxicology.	
Type of sources covered: Journal article citations, government reports, toxicity data for potentially hazardous chemicals, genetic toxicology test data, standards and regulations, cancer testing results and analysis, drug information and also records detailing chemicals.	
Years covered: Varies according to database(s) searched; mostly 1965 to the present.	Frequency of updates: Weekly checks for new data; updated when available.
Producer: Toxicology and Environmental Health Information Program, National Library of Medicine	Publisher / online host: National Library of Medicine
Web address: http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/	Password details: No password required
Technical specification: N/A	

FREE	TRIP Database	
Subject coverage: Trip is a clinical search engine designed to allow users to quickly and easily find and use high-quality research evidence to support their practice and/or care.		
Type of sources covered: Evidence-based synopses, systematic reviews, international clinical guidelines, clinical Q&A, controlled trials, case reports, medical images, Medical education, eTextbooks, patient information leaflets, news and peer-reviewed journals.		
Years covered: Not stated (online since 1997)		Frequency of updates: Pubmed content added every 2 weeks; content added manually (mostly the secondary evidence) added once per month (typically around the middle of the month).
Producer: TRIP Database Ltd		Publisher / online host: TRIP Database Ltd
Web address: www.tripdatabase.com		Password details: No password required for basic access. Registering allows user to keep useful record of activity & receive regular updates on topics of interest. Also keeps database producers up-to-date with Trip usage to better serve information needs. Premium Membership allows access to additional functionality and content – access to this may depend on local arrangements.
Technical specification: N/A		

FREE	UKMi (UK Medicines Information)	
Subject coverage: The UKMi network produces a range of resources to support medicines management and patient safety initiatives across the NHS. Many are available through the NICE Evidence website, including Medicines Q&As and a comprehensive daily news service (MAD) Other resources are available through this (the UKMi) website and include:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizon scanning resources including the New Drugs Online (NDO) database and Prescribing Outlook • Fridge database • Drugs in lactation database • Patents database • Stability in compliance aids database • Information on medicines supply issues 		
Type of sources covered: As above		
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: NHS network of pharmacy departments		Publisher / online host: NHS
Web address: http://www.ukmi.nhs.uk/		Password details: No password required
Technical specification: N/A		

FREE	UK Clinical Trials Gateway (UKCTG)	
Subject coverage: High-quality clinical research studies covering all clinical specialties that are eligible for support from the NIHR Clinical Research Network. This comprises portfolios for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.		
Type of sources covered: Clinical trials from two main sources: the ClinicalTrials.gov register; and the ISRCTN register.		
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: National Institute for Health Research (on behalf of NHS England, NHS Wales, NHS Scotland and Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland (HSC))		Publisher / online host: National Institute for Health Research
Web address: https://www.ukctg.nihr.ac.uk/clinical-trials/search-for-a-clinical-trial/		Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A		

FREE		WHO (World Health Organisation) Regional databases	
<p>Subject coverage: Regional health and medical databases have been compiled to complement internationally known bibliographical indexes such as MEDLINE. The Regional medical indexes, give access to bibliographical information about the health material published locally. They thus add a further dimension to the retrieval of information from developed country-oriented databases.</p> <p>There are five WHO Regional databases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa - African Index Medicus (AIM) • Eastern Mediterranean - Index Medicus for WHO Eastern Mediterranean (IMEMR) which is part of the Virtual Health Sciences Library • Latin America and Caribbean – (LILACS) • South-East Asia - Index Medicus for South-East Asia Region (IMSEAR) • Western Pacific - Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) 			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, reports			
Years covered: Varies between databases		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer / online host: World Health Organisation (WHO)		Publisher / online host: Published under the auspices of WHO Regional Offices.	
<p>Web address: Search all at www.globalhealthlibrary.net or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) AIM - http://indexmedicus.afro.who.int/ 2) IMEMR - http://www.emro.who.int/information-resources/imemr-database/ 3) LILACS - http://lilacs.bvsalud.org/en/ 4) IMSEAR - http://imsear.hellis.org/ 5) WPRIM - http://www.wprim.org/ 		Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

Password		Zetoc (electronic table of contents)	
<p>Subject coverage: Zetoc provides access to the British Library's table of contents of over 30,000 journals and more than 52 million article citations and conference papers across a broad subject range.</p>			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles (availability of abstracts dependent on institution subscription arrangements) & conference papers			
Years covered: 1993-present		Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: British Library/ Jisc		Publisher / online host: Jisc	
Web address: http://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/		Password details: Free for research councils and for JISC-sponsored UK HE & FE institutions; subscription required for other eligible institutions.	
Technical specifications: N/A			

Appendix 2

Database	Web address	Subscription required
ABI/Inform Global (business information)	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/abi_inform_global.html	Yes
Abstracts on Hygiene and Communicable Disease	http://www.cabi.org/publishing-products/online-information-resources/abstracts-on-hygiene-and-communicable-diseases/	Yes
Adolec (Adolescent Health – with emphasis on the Americas)	http://bases.bireme.br/cgi-bin/wxislind.exe/iah/online/?IsisScript=iah/iah.xis&base=ADOLEC&lang=i	No
Age Info	http://www.cpa.org.uk/ageinfo/ageinfo2.html	No
Age Line (social gerontology)	https://www.ebscohost.com/academic/ageline	Yes
Alcohol Studies Database	http://www2.scc.rutgers.edu/alcohol_studies/alcohol/advancedSearch.php	No
AutismData	http://www.autism.org.uk/autismdata	No
Bibliomap (EPPI Centre Database of Health Promotion Research)	http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/webdatabases/Intro.aspx?ID=7	No
Biochemistry databases – useful list from Oxford Bodleian Libraries	http://ox.libguides.com/c.php?g=422981&p=2888558	Various
CAB Abstracts (agriculture – includes food science and nutrition)	http://www.cabi.org/publishing-products/online-information-resources/cab-abstracts/	Yes
Cancer Research Clinical Trials	http://cancerhelp.cancerresearchuk.org/trials/	No
Center on Knowledge Translation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research (KTDRR)	http://ktdrr.org/cgi-bin/lib_systematic_search.cgi	No
CIRRIE Database of International Rehabilitation Research (Non US research) – CIRRIE is now included in NARIC- REHABDATA	https://www.naric.com/?q=en/SearchRehabdata	No
Clinical Drug Information	http://www.wolterskluwer CDI.com/	Yes
ComDisDome (communication disorders)	http://www.proquest.com/libraries/academic/databases/cdd-set-c.html	Yes
Commissioning and other management resources (link to a list of several subject specific medical databases, updated regularly)	http://annegraylksworkshop.pbworks.com/w/page/114376834/Useful%20resources	N/A
CORE (access to millions of open access papers)	https://core.ac.uk/	No
Cost-effectiveness analysis Registry	https://cevr.tuftsmedicalcenter.org/databases/cea-registry	No
DisasterLit: resource guide for disaster medicine and public health	http://disasterlit.nlm.nih.gov/	No
DopHer (EPPI Centre Database of Promoting Health Effectiveness Reviews)	http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/webdatabases4/Intro.aspx?ID=9	No
Eldis (International Development)	http://www.eldis.org/	No
Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism Case Reports	https://www.edmcasereports.com/	No
EU Kids Online (children's and young people's activities, risks and safety online)	http://www.lse.ac.uk/media@lse/research/EUKidsOnline/DB/home.aspx	No
Evidence AID (natural disasters, humanitarian crises or major healthcare emergencies)	http://www.evidenceaid.org/resources/	No
Forced Migration Online	http://repository.forcedmigration.org/	No
GIDEON (Global Infectious Disease Epidemiology Online Network)	http://www.gideononline.com/	Yes

Global Health Data Exchange (surveys, censuses, vital statistics, and other health-related data)	http://ghdx.healthdata.org/	No
Health Communication Materials Resources	http://ccp.jhu.edu/resources/	No
Health and Psychosocial Instruments Abstracts	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/866.jsp	Yes
Health Library for Disasters	http://helid.desastres.net/	No
Health Systems Evidence (governance, finance and delivery arrangements)	https://www.healthsystemsevidence.org/	No but registration offers increased functionality
HIV AIDS Clinical Trials	https://aidsinfo.nih.gov/	No
HSRProj (Health Services Research Projects in Progress - US)	https://wwwcf.nlm.nih.gov/hsr_project/home_proj.cfm	No
HSRR (Health Services and Sciences Research Resources)	https://hsrr.nlm.nih.gov/?cf_redirect=t	No
HUD User Bibliographic Database (Housing)	https://www.huduser.gov/portal/bibliodb/pdrbibdb.html	No
International Bibliography of the Social Sciences	http://www.proquest.co.uk/en-UK/catalogs/databases/detail/ibss-set-c.shtml	Yes
International Pharmaceutical Abstracts	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/ipa-set-c.html	Yes
Joanna Briggs Institute EBP Databases (Nursing and Midwifery)	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/collections/14080.jsp	Yes
MANTIS (Manual, Alternative and Natural Therapy Index System)	http://www.chiroaccess.com/Start.aspx	Yes for full access but limited data is available with free site registration
Medical research datasets (link to a list of several subject specific medical databases)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Medical_databases	N/A
MedNar (medically-focused deep web search engine)	https://mednar.com/mednar/desktop/en/search.html	No
Minority Health and Health Equity Archive	http://health-equity.lib.umd.edu/	No
Natural Medicines	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/11576.jsp	Yes
NARIC KnowledgeBase (Disability and Rehabilitation -formerly RehabData)	http://www.naric.com/?q=en/Knowledgebase	No
NOPA (WHO European database on nutrition, obesity and physical activity)	http://data.euro.who.int/nopa/	No
North Grey Literature	http://allcatsrgrey.org.uk/wp/	No
NTIS.gov (US and non-US government-sponsored research with access to most technical reports)	http://www.ntis.gov/	Not for searching. Advanced features do require a sub.
Nutrition Abstracts and Reviews Series A: Human and Experimental	http://www.cabi.org/publishing-products/online-information-resources/nutrition-abstracts-and-reviews-series-a-human-and-experimental/	Yes
OATD (Open access theses and dissertations)	https://oatd.org/	No
Obesity+	http://plus.mcmaster.ca/Obesity/Default.aspx?Page=1	No but registration with site is required
ONS (Office for National Statistics)	https://www.ons.gov.uk/	No
Orphanet (rare diseases and orphan drugs)	http://www.orpha.net/consor/cgi-bin/index.php	No

PAIS International Social and Public Policy	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/pais-set-c.html	Yes
Parasitology Database	https://www.cabi.org/publishing-products/online-information-resources/parasitology-database/	Yes
PDQ Evidence (reviews and systematic reviews for health systems evidence)	http://www.pdq-evidence.org/	No
PILOTS (Traumatic Stress)	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/pilots-set-c.html	Yes
PLOS (public library of science – non-profit publisher)	https://www.plos.org/	No
Popline (Reproductive Health)	http://www.popline.org/	No
Prescqiip Innovation Hub (QIPP case studies for pharmacists and drug therapy)	https://www.prescqiip.info/user/login	No but need to register with site
PROMs (Patient reported outcome measures) Reviews – Archive only	https://www.ndph.ox.ac.uk/research/health-services-research-unit-hsru/research/proms-reviews	No
PROQOLID (Patient reported outcome and Quality of Life Instruments Database)	https://eprovide.mapi-trust.org/search?form[searchText]=&form[ezxform_token]=mjUwMF-YQj2Z_AoHlvdq0qKwBsAAqkc-eKTXyFxFyHm	No but sub required for advanced access
PsycBITE (Psychological Database for Brain Impairment Treatment Efficacy)	http://www.psycbite.com/	No
PsycEXTRA (American Psychological Association – grey literature)	http://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psycextra/	Yes
PsycTESTS	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/10528.jsp	Yes
RHL (Reproductive Health Library)	https://extranet.who.int/rhl	No
Safety Lit (Injury Prevention)	http://safetylit.org/	No
Social Work Abstracts	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/150.jsp	Yes
Sociological Abstracts	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/socioabs-set-c.html	Yes
Social Services Abstracts	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/ssa-set-c.html	Yes
SpeechBITE	http://www.speechbite.com/	No
SportsDISCUS (Sport and Sport Medicine)	https://www.ebsco.com/products/research-databases/sportdiscus-with-full-text	Yes
Transplant Library	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/4633.jsp	Yes
Tropical Diseases Bulletin	http://www.cabi.org/publishing-products/online-information-resources/tropical-diseases-bulletin/	Yes
TRoPHI (Trials Register of Promoting Health Interventions)	http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/webdatabases4/Intro.aspx?ID=12	No
UK Health Forum	http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/prevention/pie/	No
Violence and Abuse Abstracts	https://www.ebsco.com/products/research-databases/violence-abuse-abstracts	Yes
Virtual Health Library: Evidence Portal (emphasis on South America, Portugal, Spain and South Africa)	http://regional.bvsalud.org/php/index.php	No
WHOLIS (World Health Organisation Library)	http://kohahq.searo.who.int/	No

Appendix 3 Sites to help choose referencing software

- University of Exeter Referencing software guide https://as.exeter.ac.uk/media/universityofexeter/academicservices/educationenhancement/cascade/Reference_management_f_or_researchers.pdf Accessed 05/10/2018
- Comparison of referencing software compiled by University of Oxford, Bodleian Libraries <https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/c.php?g=423116&p=3851803> Accessed 05/10/2018
- Wikipedia comparison of reference software https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_reference_management_software Accessed 05/10/2018

Appendix 4 Search Discovery Tools**Go Pubmed** <http://www.gopubmed.org/web/gopubmed/>

GoPubMed® allows users to find information significantly faster and guarantees completeness of search results. The fundamental difference between GoPubMed's® semantic search technology and traditional search engines such as PubMed or Google is the use of background knowledge. Semantic algorithms connect text – abstracts from the MEDLINE database – to background knowledge in the form of semantic networks of concept categories, also called ontologies or knowledge base. This is done by **meaning** and **not** by **keywords** only. So results are meaningfully structured and intelligent semantic navigation becomes possible. You can also view publication statistics based on your search terms including top years published, countries, cities, authors, journals, subject terms.

MeSH on Demand - <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MeSHonDemand.html>

Paste in a block of text and generate a list of relevant MeSH terms.

Pubmed PubReMiner - <http://hgserver2.amc.nl/cgi-bin/miner/miner2.cgi>

Provides detailed analysis of Pubmed Search results. Generates frequency tables to show which journals you topic is published in the most, which authors are most active, which words appear most in the titles and abstracts, which MeSH terms appear most frequently.

Quetzal – Linguistic searching of Medline <https://www.quetzal-search.info/>

Uses ontology based searching of Medline to deliver contextually relevant results. Quetzal's *Power Term*™ functionality allows users to find all members of a category such as “diseases” without cluttering results with hits from general terms (e.g., disease, syndrome), resulting in lists that specifically answer questions such as: “Which diseases are affected by caffeine?”. Subscription required.

SJR SCImago Journal & Country Rank <http://www.scimagojr.com/index.php> A portal that includes the journals and country scientific indicators developed from the information contained in the [Scopus](https://www.scopus.com/)® database. It includes the Shape of Science which visually illustrates the bibliometric data.

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