KnowledgeShare
Information Support for Evidence-Based Practice

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Session aims

- Overview of KnowledgeShare
  - What is the context?
  - What is it for?
  - Brief demonstration
Appointed as Knowledge Management Librarian in 2004

“Develop a system of personalised current awareness...
...a database of members’ professional interests...
...that will match people with resources... and people with people.”
Current awareness resources

• High-level evidence
  – NICE and SIGN
  – Cochrane
  – “Evidence-based” journals

• Clinical governance topics

• Local information
  – New books
  – Trust policies and pathways
  – Local events
Evaluation

1. How many of the resources in KnowledgeShare current awareness are new to you?
   - Everything 10%
   - Most 43%
   - Some 42%
   - None 1%

2. Have you accessed any of the resources listed in KnowledgeShare current awareness over the last few months?
   - Yes 75%
   - No 20%

4. Has receiving the KnowledgeShare current awareness ever prompted you to contact Library Services for additional advice or assistance?
   - Yes 60%
   - No 35%
“Almost missed some pertinent NICE guidance”

“Vitamin D supplementation useful in helping patients”

“Used to raise commissioning colleagues’ awareness of evidence”

“I work in a specialised area so it is good to keep up with news outside my speciality. You find sources I would never have looked into”
Combining LKS functions
KnowledgeShare Web

- An integrated system that allows LKS teams to manage and report on core services
- A system allowing LKS teams to share work and benefit from economies of scale.
- An enhanced online contact directory specifically for NHS staff
KnowledgeShare demonstration

http://staging.knowledgeschare.nhs.uk
Conclusions

• Still to add teaching and networking

• BSUH will continue to populate current awareness, provide support and publicity

• Members will be able to give permissions with regards to who can see what.

• Benefits in terms of access to services, expanded current awareness
Any questions?

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