Right Knowledge at the right time & place

Driving innovation and improving care; promoting research between the NHS, higher education & industry

LKS enabling the growth & use of knowledge in the NHS

Kent Surrey Sussex Academic Health Science Network

Library & Knowledge Services working with the KSS AHSN

Profile NHS organisations to identify common themes & issues where the AHSN can advise, help, add value & share best practice

Perform regular Horizon Scans for new technologies & innovations; providing reports

Carry out complex literature searches & provide summaries or reviews of the evidence

Developing & formalising the relationship, attending Meetings & events, setting up current awareness

The first commission: carry out a detailed review of the evidence on the topic of reducing emergency admissions from care homes for the EQR (Enhanced Quality and Recovery) team of the KSS AHSN.

This four month project involved two Librarians in a complex literature search, resulting in a 40 page synthesised review of the evidence, pinpointing reasons for admission and identifying new & successful interventions for evaluation which could be promoted across the region, sharing best evidence-based practice

Average time for a literature search request or review: 11 hours

Care Homes project: reducing emergency admissions

Clinical Librarian establishes the focus, reviews the research, facilitates the use of the best evidence; keeps the team up to date

Carry out complex literature searches & provide summaries or reviews of the evidence

22 Trusts, Community & Mental Health, 20 CCGs and then there are the Care Homes...

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