LOCALITY LIBRARY

Aims

- To provide books and library services to members of hospital staff locally to their wards
- To make access to library services easier and quicker
- To improve the perception of accessibility to the library
- To generally increase awareness of all library services
- Staff do not need to leave the wards to “visit” the library

How Does It Work?

- All staff and students are able to access services on the ward, including joining the library
- The Locality Library visits the wards every third week
- A trolley of specialty relevant books is taken on each visit
- Requests for literature searches and training are also accepted on visits
- Initially started with the Paediatric department wards and expanded to Ophthalmology department

Bringing the Library to the wards

Benefits to Users

- Increase in the awareness of the library’s services
- Increase in the uptake of library services users did not historically utilise
- Users becoming more confident about approaching the library to use services
- Users become familiar with a member of the library staff and feel confident to approach them for assistance

Achievements of LKS

- Higher levels of satisfaction from junior doctors in the library services in the annual GMC survey
- Increased uptake in services such as Finding the Evidence training, especially on a 1:1 basis
- Creation of new library services such as journal club and current awareness bulletins
- More areas of the LQAF became compliant

Feedback from Users

- Paediatrics have been very engaged with the pop-up library idea
- The service did not work with Ophthalmology due to the structure of their clinics
- Paediatrics staff have said about the Locality Library:
  - “Very convenient, I wouldn’t get a chance to go to the library otherwise”
  - “It’s lovely that the librarian thinks ahead and brings a good selection of books that are relevant to us in our practice”
  - “Very useful to be able to ask for help with evidence-based medicine searches for clinical questions that come up on ward rounds”
  - “Being able to obtain journal articles without visiting the library”
  - “They make an effort to obtain books recommended by senior staff that might be useful to junior staff members”
  - “Up to date and relevant books for all grades of staff
  - “Nice to have a browse – I like finding something I am interested in that I never would have found otherwise – it’s so convenient”
  - “It’s like having a specially curated library on our doorstep – lovely to have selected and up to date books. Cuts down on wasted time.”

Where does it go in the future?

- Expanding the service into more departments, including Maternity services, and Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Expanding additional services, such as current awareness bulletins
- Providing well-being books
- Providing teaching sessions to Ophthalmology and Paediatrics doctors on Finding the Evidence, Critical Appraisal and Using Electronic Journals