

# Departmental Collections

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# Background

We were approached by the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Service based in the Newsam Centre (Seacroft)

A small team in the therapy suite with a small, but growing, collection of books and other resources

The resources were used by staff and patients and kept in a group room

# What we did

Visited to discuss their needs and methods of helping meet these

Patient data (!)

Took an inventory and catalogued the resources – they are searchable on the OPAC

# How it works

The resources are held in a locked room which is easily accessible to staff

Staff take patients to the books

The books are taken into group sessions for patients to browse and borrow

Resources have a card which is removed and borrower details added when loaned. Cards are securely kept in the team office


# What next?

Problem with books not being returned by patients

Staff borrowing books and not notifying the team administrator

Working on a method of overdue notifications – discussions about use of the LMS instead of book cards

Next – using this model to promote the idea to other departments in the Trust



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