



A day in the life of an Information Specialist

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Walk past University of Leeds
libraries



Through School of Medicine Worsley
Building



To health economics research offices
(Academic Unit of Health Economics)



Plan CPD course for systematic review searching day

Organise 'Mini Masterclasses' – brief staff training on research methods/tools

Meet a PhD student to discuss their systematic review search

Teach Master's students EndNote in IT suite



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Meet and advise a NHS staff member developing a research proposal – Self harm in teenagers

- check for evidence gaps, novelty of idea.

Plan (and cost) the search work required for a realist review research proposal – Water fluoridation policies

(with Sociologist and Manchester Uni researchers)

Research Design Service
Yorkshire and the Humber

NHS
National Institute for Health Research

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We provide free advice and support to researchers developing applied health or social care research proposals.

Who we are

How we can help

Funding

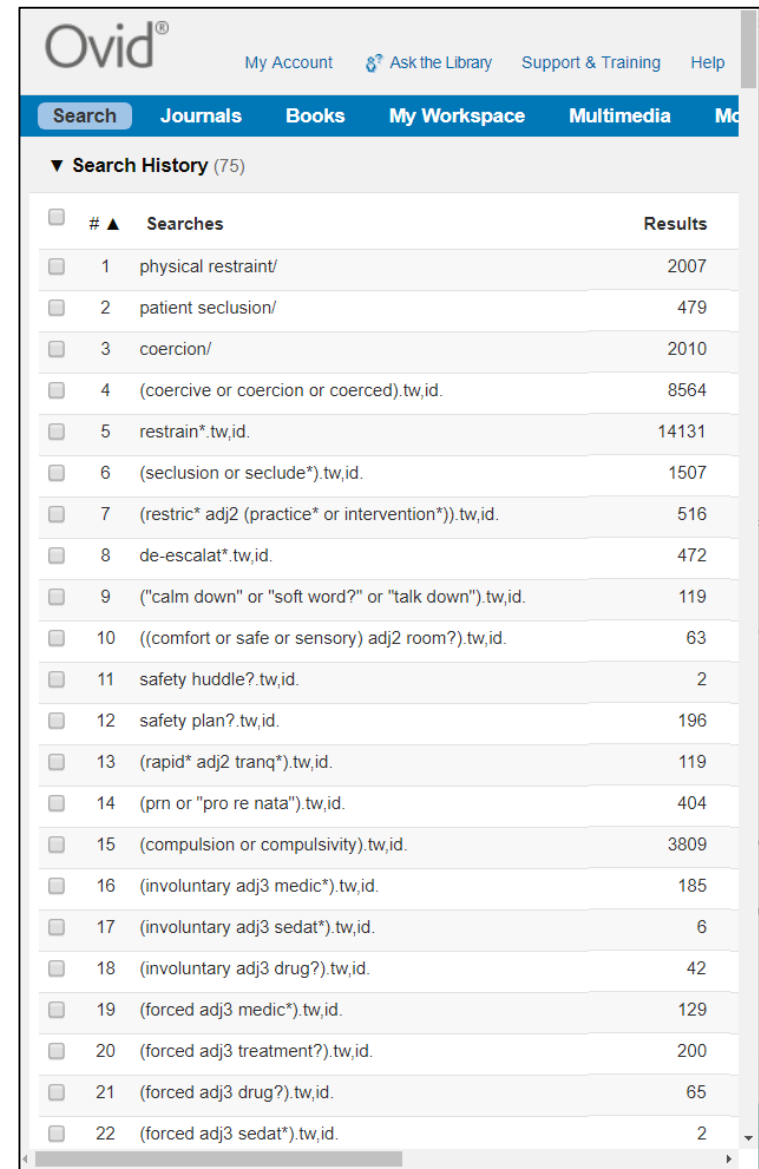
Public involvement

Peer review a colleague's literature review

Meet colleagues to agree search terms and reflect on initial draft search

Remove 1000 duplicates from EndNote library

Test different qualitative search filters to see which works best for a search



The screenshot shows the Ovid search history interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'My Account', 'Ask the Library', 'Support & Training', and 'Help'. Below these are tabs for 'Search', 'Journals', 'Books', 'My Workspace', and 'Multimedia'. The main content area is titled 'Search History (75)' and contains a table with 22 rows of search queries and their corresponding result counts.

#	Searches	Results
1	physical restraint/	2007
2	patient seclusion/	479
3	coercion/	2010
4	(coercive or coercion or coerced).tw,id.	8564
5	restrain*.tw,id.	14131
6	(seclusion or seclude*).tw,id.	1507
7	(restric* adj2 (practice* or intervention*)).tw,id.	516
8	de-escalat*.tw,id.	472
9	("calm down" or "soft word?" or "talk down").tw,id.	119
10	((comfort or safe or sensory) adj2 room?).tw,id.	63
11	safety huddle?.tw,id.	2
12	safety plan?.tw,id.	196
13	(rapid* adj2 tranq*).tw,id.	119
14	(prm or "pro re nata").tw,id.	404
15	(compulsion or compulsivity).tw,id.	3809
16	(involuntary adj3 medic*).tw,id.	185
17	(involuntary adj3 sedat*).tw,id.	6
18	(involuntary adj3 drug?).tw,id.	42
19	(forced adj3 medic*).tw,id.	129
20	(forced adj3 treatment?).tw,id.	200
21	(forced adj3 drug?).tw,id.	65
22	(forced adj3 sedat*).tw,id.	2

Update spreadsheets tracking ~80 ongoing Health Economic projects and ~40 Info Specialist projects

Create web pages for penicillin allergy and AKI biomarkers research projects

Tweet conference presentations and publications to disseminate research

Discuss recruiting health economists and organizing and teaching strategy at department management meeting



Make comments on a paper as a co-author

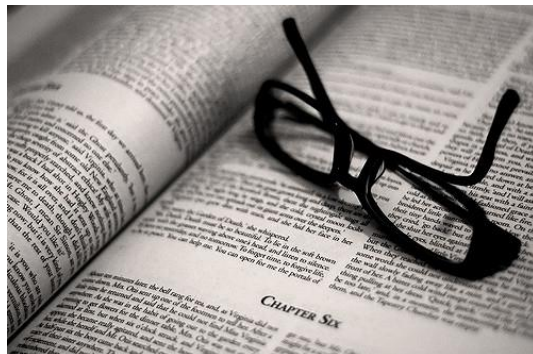
Attend a research networking event

Plan a conference abstract for IS services or methods

Meaningful feedback to improve our service

Databases for religion & mental health reviews

Research proposal search methods



Realist review search methods

Economic models search methods

Summary – main activities



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- ❖ Paid for systematic review -type searches (~16 projects per year)
- ❖ Free-to-client searches to support research proposal for NHS & Academics in W Yorkshire region (~30 per year)
- ❖ Free-to-client advice, one-to-ones, random queries for LIHS and Leeds Inst Clinical trials (~400 staff)
- ❖ 15-18 teaching sessions per year (40 hrs)
- ❖ Health Economics Department Website, Twitter, Staff Inductions, File/Data management

http://medhealth.leeds.ac.uk/info/639/information_specialists