



Library and Knowledge Service

Annual Report 2024-25

Developments and Achievements

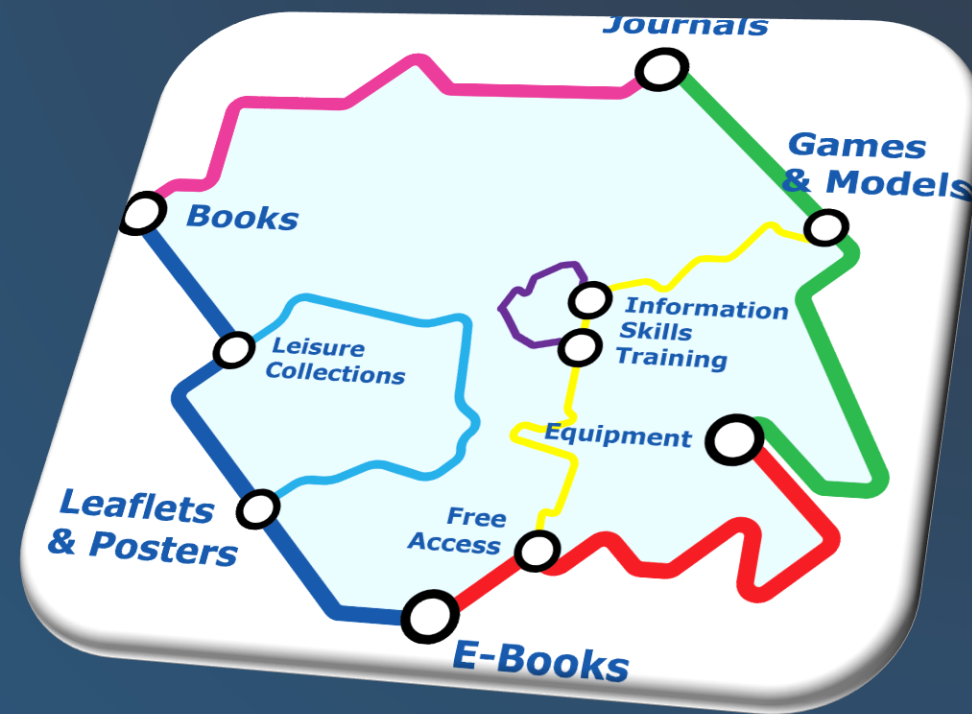
- Implemented 24/7 access to LGI library space via proximity card
- LibKey Nomad implemented Trustwide to streamline accessibility of research papers
- Adopted shared regional library management system "YorCat"
- Created additional bookable study/ meeting space at LGI library
- Staff contributed to publications and presented at national conferences
- Major stock weed removed hundreds of out-of-date titles from shelves





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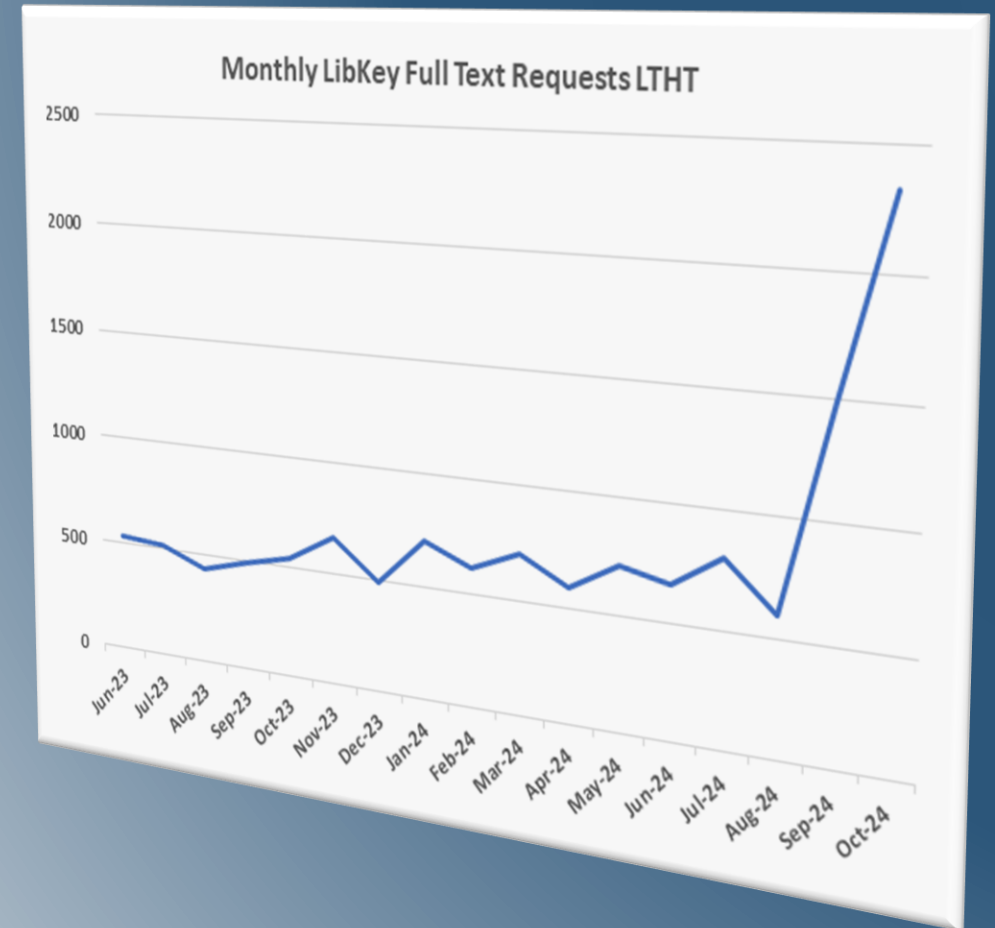
- Moved to YorCat regional Library Management System
- NHS England funded system saving local resources
- Easy access to book holdings at all NHS libraries within Yorkshire and the Humber
- Improved document supply and administration processes saving staff time





LibKey Nomad

- LibKey Nomad browser add-on launched on all Trust devices
- Streamlining hassle-free access to published research
- Facilitating document delivery services for material not immediately available
- Increasing full text downloads through the system by 326% compared to previous year



Over 3,000

Staff registered and
using the service

1,364

Documents sourced
externally for staff

255

Evidence searches
undertaken for users

166

Library
induction/training ses
sions provided

The Year in Numbers

86,030*
BMJ Best
Practice Use

3,167
OpenAthens
users

180,025*
Resource
downloads /
views

9,518*
Library Hub
searches

17,341
LibKey
Nomad
Requests

* calendar year figures

Alignment to the Leeds Way Values



Enabling high quality patient care by providing resources to support evidence-based healthcare



Working in partnership both within the Trust and externally across Leeds, Yorkshire and the Humber and nationally



Providing the evidence resources which Trust staff need to be empowered to make the best decisions



Working to a clear strategy and business plan, our service is quality assured by NHS England



We endeavour to provide our services in an equitable and accessible manner to all Trust staff



Popliteal-sciatic nerve catheters for pain relief.

The library team was called upon to help in a search for evidence to support a quality improvement project around the use of popliteal-sciatic nerve catheters for pain relief in critical limb-threatening ischaemia.

Library and knowledge specialists were able to perform an evidence search and source vital papers to inform the QI project, saving clinical time and improving the knowledge base for the work.

"The library saved me considerable time and even helped me find other articles I could not get access to. I cannot recommend the service enough. They are prompt, professional and incredibly helpful"

Colin Coulter, ST7 Anaesthetist, working with Beth Tapster, Corporate Services Librarian, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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Librarians and Knowledge Specialists bring the evidence to inform healthcare decisions



Post-Operative Breast Rehabilitation

When developing post-breast surgery protocols and guidelines with the surgeons, the senior physiotherapist approached library and knowledge specialists for assistance.

There was a need for evidence around the timing of exercise after breast surgery in relation to possible increased risk of seroma.

"The quality of the results was excellent and exceeded what I would have achieved. This has allowed us to develop our own guidelines with the best evidence base. I will certainly use this service again. Everyone should be aware of and utilise it too."

Daniel Fulleylove, Senior Outpatient Sarcoma, Breast and Head and Neck Physiotherapist, working with Imogen Swain, Assistant Librarian, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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Librarians and Knowledge Specialists bring the evidence to inform healthcare decisions



Efficiencies through reducing emails

Undertaking an improvement project on the topic of reducing email traffic, the Lead Nurse for the Yorkshire Lung Screening Trial contacted the Library and Knowledge Service for assistance in identifying the evidence base for the topic.

The library and knowledge specialist searches identified useful sources of information and led to contacts being made with colleagues in other NHS Trusts to share learning and good practice.

"I managed a 48% reduction in my email inbox which has made my email use more efficient and reduced my carbon footprint. I have shared this ... and hopefully we will see a screensaver across the Trust that will help other staff to reduce their emails"

Suzanne Rogerson, Lead Nurse for the Yorkshire Lung Screening Trial working with Beth Tapster, Corporate Services Librarian, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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Library and Knowledge Service You Said, We Did 2024

You said:
Could we make
more water available?



We added more water jugs
and provided
ice.

You said:
Could we have some
double screens available please?



We worked with DIT to provide
5 double monitors
on library PCs.

You said:
We need more meeting
and study space please.



We created a meeting room
from an old store and also
made 5 new study
workspaces.

You said:
The "out of hours
room" floor is dirty.



We worked with Estates
to replace the floor
tiles.

You said:
Could we have 24/7 access
to the library space.

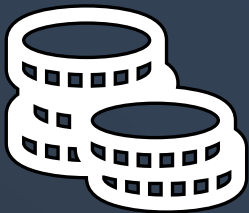


We worked with Estates to
provide proximity card 24/7
access to the
library .

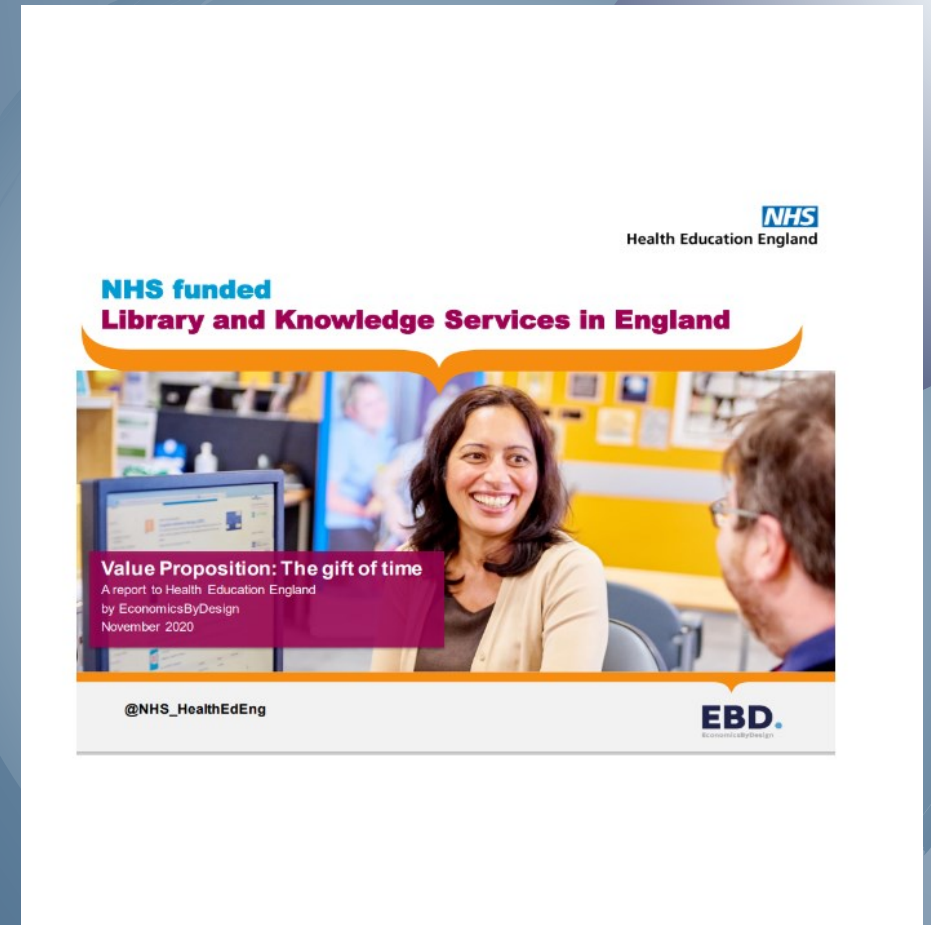


Our Economic Benefit in 2024-5

£290,445 in economic benefit generated for Leeds Teaching Hospitals through the evidence searches undertaken by librarians*



*Based on figures published by NHS England <https://doi.org/10.1080/15323269.2022.2124772>



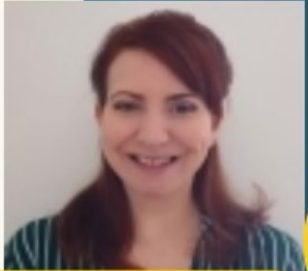
Our Future Plans

- Improving access to stock and resources through exploring the Aspen application
- Continue to review and refresh of library learning spaces using UX techniques
- Develop our partnerships through Leeds Libraries for Health, Libraries in Leeds, and beyond
- Develop and expand our Knowledge Management offer including development of Institutional Repository



Who we are

A small, friendly team of librarians and library assistants. Our aim is to provide specialist support to connect LTHT people with the evidence they need.



Imogen Swain
Assistant Librarian



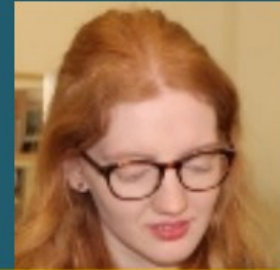
Beth Tapster
Corporate Support
Librarian



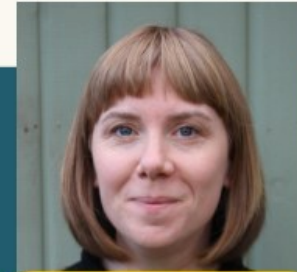
Dom Gilroy
Service Manager



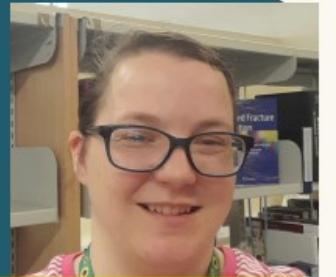
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