

Velindre University NHS Trust Library & Knowledge Service Annual Report April 2024-March 2025

Anne Cleves - Librarian

“Our vision is to empower evidence-based decision making by delivering an outstanding library and knowledge service supporting excellence in all the Trust’s activities and to ultimately help provide the best possible services to our patients and donors.”

Staff news

We said goodbye to Bernadette Coles who retired as Velindre’s librarian after 34 years! Bernadette developed extensive expertise over the years in evidence-based medicine and played a key role in the production of systematic reviews both with staff at Velindre and as an Information Specialist for the Cochrane Collaboration. The advanced literature searching skills she developed also supported patient care, service improvement and research providing up to date information for all levels of staff.



Following Bernadette’s retirement Anne Cleves was appointed as the new Velindre Librarian. We also welcomed Hannah Davies to Velindre as the new Assistant Librarian.

Evidence Searches



Service Improvement	26%
Patient Care	36%
Education	14%
Research	12%
Systematic Reviews	8%
Other	4%

We carried out **100** evidence searches and supported **9** Systematic Review Projects. In addition, we ran **3** systematic review updates and supported other library professionals by peer reviewing several search strategies, including strategies for the Cochrane Collaboration.

We spent over 572 hours on this activity – that’s nearly 81 working days!

Library Usage

Footfall: (during staffed hours): there were 1933 visits to the library over this period.

Document supply: we sourced 436 interlibrary loans.

Supplied 1129 articles from our own Velindre e-journals.

Number of individuals trained: 115

Number of hours spent training: 40

The Future – Key Actions

- A review of the current library strategy and action plan.
- Engage with internal design meetings for the nVCC.
- Work towards a new and improved physical library space by reviewing:
 - IT provision
 - Physical Book Stock
 - Physical Journal Stock
 - E-resources
- Undertake the NHS Wales Libraries & Knowledge Service (NHSWLKS) Statistical Return exercise for Quality Assurance and benchmarking.

Library Staff Publications

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