

Appendix 1

Guide to sources of information

This is intended to help users of the Literature Search Protocols decide which information resources to search, in addition to providing information about access to these resources and assisting in the compilation of the search documentation. All information given below is believed to be correct at the time of publication; however Thames Valley & Wessex Librarians do not take responsibility for the accuracy of the information and recommends that individuals take steps to verify the information given. In particular, the section on technical specification aims to highlight any known issues with certain versions of web browsers. It was not possible to test every resource so this section is for guidance only and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

To quickly identify whether you'll be able to access the resources listed, please look out for the labels listed below.

NHS	Access available to NHS healthcare staff with an Athens password. To register for a password go to http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases
FREE	Free access within the UK through the Internet.
Password	Access available through subscription only. Your local health or academic library may have a subscription.

NHS	AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine)	
Subject coverage: A selection of journals in complementary medicine, palliative care, and several professions allied to medicine, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, rehabilitation, speech and language therapy, and podiatry. Alternative medicine topics include acupuncture, herbalism, homeopathy, hypnosis, medicinal plants and traditional medicines.		
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, newspapers and books		
Years covered: 1985-present		Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: British Library British Library / OVID		Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: http://www.library.nhs.uk/hdas		Password details: OpenAthens password required
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.		

Password	ASSIA (Applied Social Sciences Index & Abstracts)	
Subject coverage Indexing and abstracting tool covering health, social services, psychology, sociology, economics, politics, race relations and education from over 500 journals.		
Type of sources covered: Journal articles		
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: CSA Illumina		Publisher / online host: Proquest
Web address: http://search.proquest.com/assia		Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A		

Biological Abstracts	
Subject coverage Database covering the fields of biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, botany, pre-clinical and experimental medicine, pharmacology, zoology, agriculture, and veterinary medicine from over 5200 journals.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles	
Years covered: 1926-present	Frequency of updates: Twice-monthly
Producer: Thomson Reuters	Publisher / online host: Available from OVID, EBSCO or Web of Knowledge.
Web address: EBSCO www.ebscohost.com/academic/biological-abstracts OVID www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/24.jsp Web of Knowledge wokinfo.com/products_tools/specialized/ba/	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

BioMed Central	
Subject coverage Science, Technology and Medicine publisher with a portfolio of over 290 peer-reviewed open access journals spanning all areas of biology, medicine and health.	
Type of sources covered: Open access articles	
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Springer Nature	Name of publisher / online host: BioMed Central
Web address: www.biomedcentral.com	Password details: Password needed for additional services and products only.
Technical specifications: N/A	

BIOSIS Previews and BIOSIS Citation Abstracts	
Subject coverage BIOSIS Previews combines journal content from Biological Abstracts® with supplemental, non-journal coverage from Biological Abstracts/RRM® (Reports, Reviews, Meetings) BIOSIS Citation Index provides comprehensive life sciences coverage from over 5000 journals and 1500 meetings.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, reports, reviews, meetings, patents	
Years covered: 1926 - present	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Thomson Reuters	Publisher / online host: Web of Science or OVID
Web address: wokinfo.com/products_tools/specialized/bp/ wokinfo.com/training_support/training/biosis-citation-index/ Access is also available via OVID	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

BNI (British Nursing Index)	
Subject coverage Indexes articles from the most popular English language nursing journals published primarily in the UK. Covers all aspects of nursing, midwifery and community healthcare. Includes selective content from medical, allied health and management titles.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, trade journals, dissertations and theses	
Years covered: 1985 to present	Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: Proquest	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: http://www.library.nhs.uk/hdas	Password details: OpenAthens password required
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.	

FREE	
The Campbell Library of Systematic Reviews	
Subject coverage: Online access to the full text of systematic reviews undertaken by the Campbell Collaboration in the areas of education, crime and justice and social welfare. The Campbell Collaboration is an international research network based on voluntary co-operation between researchers from different backgrounds.	
Types of sources covered: Systematic reviews	
Years covered: 2004-present	Frequency of updates: Bi-monthly
Producer: The Campbell Collaboration (C2)	Publisher / online host: The Campbell Collaboration (C2)
Web address: www.campbellcollaboration.org	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

FREE	
Centre for Reviews and Dissemination	
Subject coverage <i>Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects:</i> Critical appraisals of systematic reviews published elsewhere. No longer updated - archive access only with records added up to 31 March 2015 Try NICE Evidence Search as an alternative source <i>NHS Economic Evaluation Database:</i> Assessments of economic evaluations of health care interventions. No longer updated- archive access only with records added up to 31 March 2015 <i>HTA Database</i> – Health Technology Assessment reports which continue to be produced by CRD <i>Cochrane Systematic</i> reviews up to March 2015 are also included	
Type of sources covered: assessment of systematic reviews, evaluations of healthcare interventions	
Years covered: DARE and NHS EE: 1994-2015 HTA: not stated	Frequency of updates: Only HTA is updated. Frequency not stated
Producer: Centre for Reviews and Dissemination	Publisher / online host: Centre for Reviews and Dissemination.
Web address: Archive access to DARE and NHS EE databases www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/ DARE Abstracts are also available via Pubmed Health http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmedhealth/ HTAs can also be searched via https://www.cadth.ca/resources/hta-database-canadian-search-interface	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

NHS	
CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)	
Subject coverage Covers all aspects of nursing and allied health disciplines. Seventeen allied health disciplines are covered, including: cardiopulmonary technology, dental hygiene, emergency services, medical/laboratory technology, occupational therapy, optometry, physical therapy and rehabilitation, social service in health care, speech-language pathology, nutrition and dietetics, audiology and surgical technology. Journals from biomedicine, alternative therapy, health sciences librarianship, health promotion/education, and consumer health are also scanned for relevant articles.	
Type of sources covered, e.g. journals, dissertations : Journal articles, books, dissertations, selected conference proceedings.	
Years covered: 1981-present	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: EBSCO	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: http://www.library.nhs.uk/hdas	Password details: OpenAthens password required
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.	

Password		Clinical Evidence	
Subject coverage Provides current evidence based reviews of the prevention and treatment for more than 500 conditions. Clinical conditions are selected for their relevance to clinical practice by section editors and contributors, in collaboration with primary care clinicians and patients. Consultation rates, morbidity and mortality data are also consulted to ensure that important conditions are included.			
Type of sources covered: Principally systematic reviews and RCTs, (observational studies and cohort studies where appropriate). The literature is searched using the Cochrane Library, Medline, Embase and occasionally other electronic databases.			
Years covered: N/A		Frequency of updates: Updating strategy for CE reviews is based on the content of the review, the number of new RCTs and systematic reviews being published on the topic each year, and the popularity of the review with readers.	
Producer: BMJ Publishing		Publisher / online host: BMJ Publishing	
Web address: http://clinicalevidence.bmj.com		Password details: Password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		Clinical Knowledge Summaries	
Subject coverage: Concise, accessible summaries of current evidence for primary care professionals; over 350 topics focus on the most common and significant presentations in primary care			
Types of resources covered: Systematic reviews, guidelines, RCTs, HTAs, evidence-based reviews & summaries, national policies, expert opinion, patient experiences and medicines. High-quality secondary evidence from NICE accredited resources - like NICE guidance and Cochrane systematic reviews - is identified first.			
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: CKS content is continually reviewed and updated to ensure it is relevant and accurate. 65+ updates and up to 10 new topics are produced each year. Title screen for each topic gives revision date.	
Producer: Clarity Informatics Ltd; commissioned and funded by NICE		Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services	
Web address: http://cks.nice.org.uk/		Access details: No password required.	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		ClinicalTrials.gov	
Subject coverage A registry and summary results database of publicly and privately supported clinical studies conducted around the world for a wide range of diseases and conditions. Searchable by many fields including condition, intervention, outcome measures, sponsor/collaborator and location. (Including archive searchable by NCTid)			
Type of sources covered: Clinical trials, observational studies, and programs providing access to investigational drugs outside of clinical trials			
Years covered: 2000 (results from 2008)		Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: National Library of Medicine (US)		Publisher / online host: US National Institutes of Health	
Web address: www.clinicaltrials.gov		Password details: No password required.	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE	
Cochrane Library	
Subject coverage: systematic reviews across all areas of healthcare, critical appraisals of systematic reviews, reports of controlled trials, trial methodology, health technology assessments and economic evaluations.	
Type of sources covered: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR): full text of evidence based systematic reviews of health care interventions prepared by The Cochrane Collaboration. Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL): the largest register of reports of controlled trials in the world. Health Technology Assessment Database: details of completed and ongoing health technology assessments (studies of the medical, social, ethical and economic implications of healthcare interventions) from around the world. Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects: critical appraisals of systematic reviews published elsewhere. <i>This database is no longer being updated</i> Cochrane Database of Methodology Reviews: the most specific collection of records for reports and empirical studies relating to the methods of systematic reviews and the evaluation of health and social care more generally. <i>This database is no longer updated</i> NHS Economic Evaluation Database: assessments of economic evaluations of health care interventions. <i>This database is no longer being updated</i>	
Years covered: CDSR: 1995 – present CENTRAL: 1995-present CMR: 1995-July 2012 DARE: 1995 – April 2015 HTA: 1995-present EED: 1995-present	Frequency of updates: CDSR: continuously CENTRAL: monthly. HTA: quarterly DARE and NHS EED: quarterly up to April 2015, when updating stopped.
Producer: Cochrane Collaboration	Publisher / online host: WileyOnline
Web address: www.thecochranelibrary.com or via http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/nhs-evidence-content/journals-and-databases	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

Password	
Conference Proceedings Citation Index	
Subject coverage: helps researchers access the published literature from the most significant conferences, symposia, seminars, colloquia, workshops, and conventions worldwide. This resource offers a complete view of conference proceedings and their impact on global research, letting you use cited reference searching to track emerging ideas and new research beyond what is covered in the journal literature. Two editions cover the sciences and social sciences	
Type of sources covered: conference proceedings	
Years covered: 1990-	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Thomson Reuters	Publisher / online Host: Web of Science
Web address: http://www.dart-europe.eu/basic-search.php	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

Password	
DART Europe E-Thesis Portal	
Subject coverage Open access repository of research projects on wide variety of subjects. Dart-Europe is the working group of the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations	
Type of sources covered: Theses from over 500 universities in 28 European countries. Abstract or full text available.	
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: DART Europe	Publisher / online Host: DART Europe
Web address: http://www.dart-europe.eu/basic-search.php	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

FREE	DUETs (UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments)
Subject coverage: The UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments (UK DUETs) publishes treatment uncertainties from patients, carers, clinicians, and from research recommendations, covering a wide variety of health problems.	
Type of sources covered, e.g. journals, dissertations: Patients', carers' and clinicians' questions about the effects of treatment, research recommendations in reports of systematic reviews of existing research and in clinical guidelines, ongoing research studies	
Years covered: No specific date range	Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: NICE	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: http://www.library.nhs.uk/duets/	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

Password	Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin (DTB)
Subject coverage Rigorous and independent evaluations of, and practical advice on, individual treatments and the overall management of disease for doctors, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals. DTB is wholly independent of the pharmaceutical industry, Government and regulatory authorities and is free of advertising and other forms of commercial sponsorship.	
Type of sources covered: published research, including reports on clinical trials and systematic reviews.	
Years covered: 1962-present	Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: BMJ Publishing Group Ltd	Publisher / online host: BMJ Publishing Group Ltd
Web address: http://dtb.bmj.com/	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

FREE	electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC)
Subject coverage The electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) contains information about medicines licensed for use in the UK. All documents in the eMC have been checked and approved by the UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA).	
Type of sources covered: Summaries of product characteristics, patient information leaflets	
Years covered: Not stated	Frequency of updates: Daily
Producer: electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC)	Publisher / online host: electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC)
Web address: https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/	Password details: No password required
Technical specification: N/A	

NHS	EMBASE
Subject coverage A major biomedical and pharmaceutical database indexing over 3,500 international journals in the following fields: drug research, pharmacology, pharmaceuticals, toxicology, clinical and experimental human medicine, health policy and management, public health, occupational health, environmental health, drug dependence and abuse, psychiatry, forensic medicine, and biomedical and pharmaceutical engineering/instrumentation. There is also selective coverage for nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, psychology, and alternative medicine.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles	
Years covered: 1974-present	Frequency of updates: Daily
Producer: Elsevier	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: http://www.library.nhs.uk/hdas	Password details: OpenAthens password required
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.	

Password		Emerging Sources Citation Index	
Subject coverage: Part of the Web of Science Core Collection, ESCI aids retrieval of high-quality, peer-reviewed publications of regional importance and in emerging research fields by key opinion leaders, funders, and evaluators worldwide. Get real-time insight into a journal's citation performance while the content is considered for inclusion in other Web of Science collections.			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles			
Years covered: 2015-		Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: Thomson Reuters		Publisher / online host: Thomson Reuters	
Web address: http://wokinfo.com/products_tools/multidisciplinary/esci/		Password details: Password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)	
Subject coverage Education and training, education research, preschool to adult and higher education			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, books, theses, research reports, conference papers, federal standards, educational guides, electronic publications and historical materials			
Years covered: 1966-present		Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: Institute of Education Sciences USA		Publisher / online host: US Department of Education	
Web address: www.eric.ed.gov/		Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		ETHOS (Electronic Thesis Online Service)	
Subject coverage All subjects			
Type of sources covered: More than 400,000 UK Theses from participating institutions			
Years covered: 1770-present		Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: British Library		Publisher / online host: British Library	
Web address: http://ethos.bl.uk/		Password details: No password required to search. There is a charge for full text	
Technical specifications: N/A			

Password		Global Health	
Subject coverage Communicable diseases (including HIV/AIDS), tropical diseases, (including field and experimental studies), parasitic diseases and parasitology - medical entomology, human nutrition (including food composition, food poisoning, effects of diet on health, nutritional disorders, and experimental aspects), community and public health (including chronic diseases, occupational health, health status indicators, the impact of agriculture on health, and cancer epidemiology, maternal and child health), medicinal and poisonous plants (including pharmacology, tissue culture, animal studies, plant composition, allergens, and toxins).			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, books and reports, patents, theses, conference proceedings, More than 160,000 records are added each year, and over 95% of these records include an English abstract. Publications from over 100 countries in 50 languages are abstracted.			
Years covered: 1973–present (NB: Global Health Archive is available as a separate database and covers the years 1910-1983)		Frequency of updates: Weekly	
Producer: CABI		Publisher / online host: CABI	
Web address: www.cabdirect.org		Password details: Password required	
Technical specifications: Did not work with IE7. Worked with Chrome.			

NHS		Health Business Elite	
Subject coverage: Provides journal content detailing all aspects of health care administration and other non-clinical aspects of health care institution management. Topics covered include hospital management, hospital administration, marketing, human resources, computer technology, facilities management and insurance.			
Type of sources covered: Journals			
Years covered: 1922-present		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: EBSCO		Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services	
Web address: http://www.library.nhs.uk/hdas		Password details: OpenAthens password required	
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.			


NHS		HMIC (Health Management Information Consortium)	
Subject coverage A compilation of data from the Department of Health's Library and Information Services and the King's Fund Information and Library Service. <i>DH Data</i> covers health service policy, management and administration, with an emphasis on the NHS; the quality of health services including hospitals, nursing, primary care and public health; the planning, design, construction and maintenance of health service buildings; occupational health; control and regulation of medicines; medical equipment and supplies; and social care and personal social services. <i>The King's Fund database</i> covers health management and services, social care, service development, and NHS organisation and administration, mostly with a UK focus. Also available to search at http://kingsfund.koha-ptfs.eu/			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, official publications, grey literature, books, pamphlets			
Years covered: 1983 to present (DH Data); 1979 to present (King's Fund)		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: Department of Health and the King's Fund		Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services	
Web address: http://www.library.nhs.uk/hdas		Password details: OpenAthens password required	
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.			


FREE		International Clinical Trials Registry Platform – Search Portal	
Subject coverage The Clinical Trials Search Portal provides access to a central database containing the trial registration data sets provided by international registries including ClinicalTrials.gov and EU Clinical Trials Register ISRCTN. Search by recruitment status, sponsor, country of recruitment, clinical trials, date of registration			
Type of sources covered: Clinical trials			
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Weekly or monthly depending on the registry	
Producer: World Health Organisation		Publisher / online host: World Health Organisation	
Web address: http://apps.who.int/trialsearch/		Password details: No password required.	
Technical specifications: N/A			


FREE	International Standard Randomised Controlled Trial Number Registry (ISRCTN registry)
Subject coverage The ISRCTN registry is a primary clinical trial registry recognised by WHO and ICMJE that accepts all clinical research studies (whether proposed, ongoing or completed), providing content validation and curation and the unique identification number necessary for publication. All study records in the database are freely accessible and searchable.	
Type of sources covered: over the years the scope of the registry has widened beyond randomized controlled trials to include any study designed to assess the efficacy of health interventions in a human population. This includes both observational and interventional trials.	
Years covered: 2000 onwards	Frequency of updates: Daily
Producer: ISRCTN	Publisher / online host: Biomed Central
Web address: http://www.isrctn.com/	Password details: No password required to search. Sign-up only necessary when registering trials
Technical specifications: N/A	


FREE	Local Practice Case Studies (formerly QIPP)
Subject coverage A collection of over 500 working examples of quality improvement initiatives in health and social care services	
Type of sources covered: Case studies of locally implemented quality improvement programmes by a range of health, local government and social care organisations for shared learning and also peer-reviewed quality improvement with cost savings case studies produced by NICE	
Years covered: 2006-present	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: NICE	Publisher / online host: NHS Evidence Services
Web address: http://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/into-practice/local-practice-case-studies	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: Not stable with IE7	

Password	Maternity and Infant Care
Subject coverage: Compiled by MIDIRS (Midwives Information and Resource Service), Maternity and Infant Care draws together references from journal articles, book chapters, reports, pamphlets, news items, audio visual materials, conference proceedings and other 'grey literature' relating to the midwifery profession, pregnancy, labour, birth, postnatal care, infant feeding, neonatal care up until two years of age, and the transition to parenthood	
Types of resources covered: References to journal articles, book chapters, reports, pamphlets, news items, audio visual materials, conference proceedings and other 'grey literature'	
Years covered: 1973-present	Frequency of updates: Monthly
Producer: MIDRS	Publisher / online host: Wolters Kluwers /Ovid
Web address: http://ovidsp.ovid.com	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

		MEDLINE	
Subject coverage Contains a broad range of medical topics relating to research, clinical practice, administration, policy issues, and health care services. Subject content includes anatomy, communication disorders, microbiology, paramedical professions, pathology, physiology, psychiatry, toxicology, dentistry, parasitology, reproductive biology, epidemiology, gene therapy, surgical and pharmaceutical intervention, nursing practice, ethical and legal issues, institutional operations, laboratory techniques and procedures, diagnosis and management, clinical research trials and experimental treatment protocols, legislation and regulation, allied health specialties, continuing education, investigational drugs and new drug uses, and some veterinary medicine.			
Type of sources: Journal articles, newspaper articles, reports			
Years covered: 1946-present		Frequency of updates: Weekly	
Name of producer: US National Library of Medicine		Name of publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services	
Web address: http://www.library.nhs.uk/hdas		Password details: OpenAthens password required	
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.			

		metaRegister of Controlled Trials	
Subject coverage An international database of ongoing (and some completed) controlled trials in all aspects of health care. It is possible to simultaneously search active registers from ClinicalTrials.gov and the International Standard Randomised Controlled Trial Number register (ISRCTN) and subsets such as the NIHR HTA programme, the Wellcome Trust as well as archived registers from specific organisations. There is a separate register for trials in mental health and links to a detailed list of other trial registers. At the time of publication, this site was not available due to an on-going review of the service.			
Types of resources covered: On-going (and some completed) randomised controlled trials			
Years covered: The database was established in 1998		Frequency of updates: Variable for each register	
Producer: Current Controlled Trials Ltd		Publisher / online host: Current Controlled Trials Ltd	
Web address: http://www.isrctn.com/page/mrct		Access details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

		Micromedex	
Subject coverage Evidence-based content on drugs, side-by-side drug comparisons, diseases, acute care, toxicology and alternative medicines.			
Types of resources covered: The editorial team review, evaluate, and synthesize more than half a million articles annually to provide the best treatment recommendations and guidelines.			
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: Truven Health Analytics		Publisher / online host: Truven Health Analytics	
Web address: http://www.micromedex.com/		Access details: Password required	
Technical specifications: Recommends Internet Explorer 8 or higher			

		National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network Portfolio database	
Subject coverage: High-quality clinical research studies that are eligible for support from the NIHR Clinical Research Network in England which is part of the UK Clinical Research Network Portfolio, comprising portfolios for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Captures activity data and provides analysis tools to facilitate active management of current studies, and the feasibility of future studies run within the CRN.			
Type of sources covered: research studies that are being set up, recruiting or closed/suspended			
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: National Institute for Health Research		Publisher / online host: National Institute for Health Research	
Web address: http://public.ukcrn.org.uk/search/		Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Journals Library	
Subject coverage: Comprises a suite of five open access journals providing an important and permanent archive of research funded by the National Institute for Health Research. Reports published in the NIHR Journals Library provide a full account of the research project, including methods and a full description of the results. The full reports complement shorter articles submitted for publication in other peer-review journals which the NIHR actively encourages researchers to do as part of their dissemination strategy.			
Type of sources covered: Covers the journals Effectiveness and Mechanism Evaluation, Health Services and Delivery Research, Health Technology Assessment, Programme Grants for Applied Research, Public Health Research			
Years covered: From 1997 (Health Technology Assessments)		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: NHS National Institute for Health Research		Publisher / online host: NHS National Institute for Health Research	
Web address: http://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/		Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence)	
Subject coverage: NICE is an independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance on promoting good health and preventing and treating ill health. Provides guidance on the use of health technologies (such as the use of new and existing medicines, treatments and procedures), clinical practice and public health within the NHS in England and Wales. These appraisals are based primarily on evaluations of efficacy and cost-effectiveness.			
Types of resources covered: Guidelines, pathways, quality standards			
Years covered: April 2001-present		Frequency of updates: Published guidelines are reviewed every two to four years to decide if an update is needed.	
Producer: National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)		Publisher / online host: NICE	
Web address: www.nice.org.uk		Access details: No password required.	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		NICE Evidence Search	
Subject coverage: Evidence search is a search engine providing access to high quality, authoritative evidence-based information and best practice advice. It is unique in that it provides access to clinical, drugs and technologies, commissioning and health care management, social care and public health evidence through a single point of access. It allows you to search for high quality evidence and content from many of the sources listed in this document such as The Campbell Library of Systematic Reviews, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination databases, Clinical Knowledge Summaries, ClinicalTrials.gov, Cochrane Library, Electronic Medicines Compendium, NIHR Journals Library, NICE content, selected systematic reviews from PubMed, Social Care Online. It also contains current awareness selected by UKMi and is the only single point of access for all guidance which has been accredited by NICE. Since the closure of the CRD DARE database, systematic reviews are selected from PubMed and added to NICE Evidence search on a weekly basis.			
Type of sources covered: guidance, systematic reviews, evidence summaries, care pathways, commissioning guides, medicines management, drug costs, drug prescribing, safety, regulatory and marketing, health technology assessments, evidence uncertainties (research recommendations), ongoing trials, patient information, policy and service development, population intelligence, selected primary research, quality measures Since the closure of CRD DARE, Evidence search is a good source of selected systematic reviews.			
Years covered: content must be currently available from the source website		Frequency of updates: Depends on source. Can be daily.	
Producer: NICE		Publisher / online host: NICE	
Web address: http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/		Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		NICE Medicines and Prescribing	
Subject coverage: Medicines and prescribing – including medicines optimisation			
Type of sources covered: Evidence summaries – new medicines, unlicensed or off label medicine; practice guidelines; key therapeutic topics summarise the evidence-base on topics identified to support medicines optimisation, but are not formal NICE guidance.			
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: NICE		Publisher / online host: NICE	
Web address: http://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/medicines-and-prescribing		Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		NDLTD (Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations)	
Subject coverage The NDLTD provides access to international electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) with multidisciplinary subject coverage from a wide range of member institutions. NDLTD was started as a pilot project in 1996.			
Type of sources covered: Theses and dissertations; international coverage.			
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD).		Publisher / online host: NDLTD Union Catalogue is a joint development by NDLTD and the online hosts, OCLC, VTLS, & Scirus	
Web address: Global search http://search.ndltd.org/ or browse resources by country http://www.ndltd.org/resources/find-etds		Password details: No password required	
Technical specification: N/A			

FREE		NHS Networks Commissioning Zone	
Subject coverage A portal for clinicians, managers and anyone else involved in commissioning bringing together in one place the best sources and resources, to save time and promote sharing of useful information.			
Type of sources covered: Any resources related to clinical commissioning including websites, networks, reports, journal articles, government documents and blogs			
Years covered: 2010-2015		Frequency of updates: <i>At time of publication, the site doesn't seem to have been updated for several months</i>	
Producer: NHS Networks		Publisher / online host: NHS Networks	
Web address: http://www.networks.nhs.uk/commissioning		Password details: No password required	
Technical specification: N/A			

FREE		OAster Database	
Subject coverage: All subjects - OAster is a union catalogue of millions of records representing open access resources that was built by harvesting from open access collections worldwide using the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH). OAster includes more than 30 million records representing digital resources from more than 1,500 contributors.			
Types of resources covered: books, e-books, journal articles, computer files, theses, archival material, images, maps, websites, videos			
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: OCLC		Publisher / online host: OCLC	
Web address: http://oaister.worldcat.org/		Access details: No password required	
Technical specification: N/A			

FREE		OpenDOAR	
Subject coverage: <i>OpenDOAR</i> is primarily a service to enhance and support the academic and research activities of the global community. <i>OpenDOAR</i> maintains a comprehensive and authoritative list of institutional and subject-based repositories. It also encompasses archives supported by funding agencies like the National Institutes for Health in the USA or the Wellcome Trust in the UK and Europe. You can limit your search to health and medicine repositories in the UK – if required.			
Types of resources covered: Access to research outputs (including theses) and reports of academic and research based organisations. Its scope excludes open access journals			
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: University of Nottingham (SHERPA); funded by JISC		Publisher / online host: University of Nottingham	
Web address: Search the directory of repositories http://www.opendoar.org/find.php Search the full text content within repositories http://www.opendoar.org/search.php		Access details: No password required	
Technical specification: N/A			

FREE		Open Grey (System for Information on Grey Literature in Europe)	
Subject coverage: A multidisciplinary European database covering science, technology, biomedical sciences, economics, social sciences and humanities.			
Types of resources covered: Technical or research reports, doctoral dissertations, conference papers, official publications, and other types of grey literature. Includes full text conference preprints of GreyNet International.			
Years covered: 1997-present		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: Institut de l'Information Scientifique et Technique		Publisher / online host: Institut de l'Information Scientifique et Technique	
Web address: http://www.opengrey.eu/		Access details: No password required	
Technical specification: N/A			

FREE		OTseeker	
Subject coverage: Database that contains abstracts of systematic reviews and randomised controlled trials relevant to occupational therapy.			
Types of resources covered: randomised controlled trials, systematic reviews, includes links to other evidence based resources			
Years covered: 2002-		Frequency of updates: New trials are added approximately every month	
Producer: collaboration between University of Queensland and University of Western Sydney.		Publisher / online host: OTseeker	
Web address: http://www.otseeker.com/		Access details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

FREE		Pedro (Physiotherapy Evidence Database)	
Subject coverage: Database of over 24,000 randomised trials, systematic reviews and clinical practice guidelines in physiotherapy.			
Types of resources covered: Randomised controlled trials, systematic reviews and clinical guideline.			
Years covered: 1929-present		Frequency of updates: Monthly	
Producer: Centre for Evidence-Based Physiotherapy, George Institute for Global Health.		Publisher / online host: Centre for Evidence-Based Physiotherapy	
Web address: www.pedro.org.au/		Access details: No password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

Password	
Proquest Dissertation and Theses database UK & Ireland (also known as <i>Index to Theses</i>)	
Subject coverage The most comprehensive available record of doctoral theses from the United Kingdom and Ireland. Also known as Index to Theses. Currently comprises over half a million records, with some additional 15,000 citations added annually. Bibliographic listings for content for 1950-1986. Abstracts for content since 1986	
Type of sources covered: Doctoral and master's theses - abstracts or full text dependent upon subscription.	
Years covered: 1716–present (Bibliographic listings only 1950-1986; Abstracts since 1986)	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Proquest	Publisher / online Host: Proquest
Web address: http://www.proquest.com/products-services/pgdt_uk_ireland.html	Password details: Password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

FREE	
Prospero (International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews)	
Subject coverage PROSPERO currently includes systematic reviews of the effects of interventions and strategies to prevent, diagnose, treat, and monitor health conditions, for which there is a health related outcome. The long-term aim is to include details of all ongoing systematic reviews that have a health related outcome in the broadest sense (for example, reviews of risk factors and genetic associations). Literature reviews, and systematic reviews simply looking at the reporting of and/or use of outcomes in research would not be included.	
Type of sources covered: Systematic reviews	
Years covered: Not stated but database began in 2011	Frequency of updates: Not stated
Producer: Centre for Reviews and Dissemination	Publisher / online host: Centre for Reviews and Dissemination
Web address: http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO/prospero.asp	Password details: No password required
Technical specifications: N/A	

NHS	
PsycINFO (Psychological Abstracts)	
Subject coverage Provides access to international literature in psychology and related disciplines. Includes information on drug and behavioural therapy, treatment of disease, drug addiction, developmental psychology, and educational psychology, as well as the psychological aspects of such areas as linguistics, social processes, pharmacology, physiology, nursing, education, anthropology, business and law.	
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, books, book chapters, theses and dissertations	
Years covered: 1806-present	Frequency of updates: Weekly
Producer: American Psychological Association / Proquest	Publisher / online host: NICE Evidence Services
Web address: http://www.library.nhs.uk/hdas	Password details: OpenAthens password required
Technical specifications: Popular browsers (based on site's usage statistics) are fully supported. Older browsers may not give full visual or interactive features. Maintenance updates are posted on the HDAS landing page.	

FREE		PubMed	
Subject coverage Clinical medicine, biomedical sciences, nursing, dentistry, preclinical sciences, health care systems			
Type of sources covered: PubMed comprises over 22 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals and some out-of-scope journal articles. Pubmed also includes Pre-Medline which is an in-process database for MEDLINE, providing basic information and abstracts before a record is indexed with MeSH heading(s) and added to MEDLINE. It also includes some articles published ahead of print			
Years covered: 1946-present		Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: US National Library of Medicine		Publisher / online host: US National Library of Medicine	
Web address: www.pubmed.gov		Password details: No password required	
Technical specifications: Supports Internet Explorer 9 and above			

Password		Science Citation Index Expanded	
Subject coverage Agriculture, Computer science, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine, Science (pure and applied).			
Type of sources covered: articles, reports, papers, discussions, editorials, notes, reviews			
Years covered: 1970–present (back files covering 1945-1969 are available separately)		Frequency of updates: Weekly	
Producer: Thomson Reuters / MIMAS at University of Manchester		Publisher / online host: Thomson Reuters	
Web address: Web of Knowledge http://wok.mimas.ac.uk		Password details: Password required	
Technical specifications: N/A			

Password		SciVerse Scopus	
Subject coverage The largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature covering more than 22,000 titles from the scientific, technical, medical, social sciences and arts and humanities. It contains 55 million records.			
Type of sources covered: peer-reviewed journals, books, trade publications, book series, conference papers, patents. Meeting abstracts as opposed to conference papers are not covered by Scopus.			
Years covered: 1996-present (33 million records) 1823-1996 (21 million records)		Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: Elsevier		Publisher / online host: Elsevier	
Web address: http://www.scopus.com/home.url		Password details: Password required	
Technical specifications: Scopus no longer supports IE8 or lower. Use IE9 or higher or Google Chrome or Firefox			

FREE		Social Care Online	
Subject coverage: Covers all aspects of social care and social work			
Types of resources covered: legislation, government documents, practice and guidance, systematic reviews, research briefings, UK grey (informally-published) literature, books and journal articles			
Years covered: 1980-present		Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: Social Care Institute for Excellence		Publisher / online host: Social Care Institute for Excellence	
Web address: www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk/		Access details: No password required	
Technical specification: N/A			

Password		Social Policy and Practice	
Subject coverage Contains over 300,000 bibliographic records and abstracts; indexing 600 UK and international journals relating to evidence-based social policy and practice. 24,000 new records added annually. Topics include children and young people, older people, families and parenting, community health, homelessness, disability and special needs, community safety, equality and social work. Social Policy and Practice brings together information from 6 databases: AgeInfo - Centre for Policy on Ageing ChildData - National Children's Bureau NSPCC - National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Planex - Idox Information Service Social Care Online - Social Care Institute for Excellence Acompline/Urbaline (Archive material pre-2012) - Greater London Authority			
Type of sources covered: Journals and research reports, some 50% of the references are to grey literature, including semi-published reports, working papers, local and central government reports, and material from the voluntary sector and charities. Includes publications from national and regional government departments, public agencies, local authorities, third-sector organisations, consultancy and professional bodies, academic think tanks and research departments.			
Years covered: 1981-present		Frequency of updates: Quarterly	
Producer ESRC Centre for Evidence Based Policy and Practice facilitated the grouping of the database producers. Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA); Idox Information Service; National Children's Bureau (NCB); National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE); SPP also contains archive material from: Greater London Authority (GLA).		Publisher / online host: OvidSP	
Web address: http://ovidsp.ovid.com		Password details: Password required	
Technical specification: N/A			

Password		Social Sciences Citation Index	
Subject coverage Provides access to the bibliographic and citation information from approximately 3,000 social sciences journals across 55 social science disciplines.			
Type of sources covered: Items from journals including original research articles, reviews, editorials, chronologies and abstracts.			
Years covered: 1900 – present Internet via Web of Science™ Core Collection; backfiles to 1955. Online via Social SciSearch; backfiles to 1972.		Frequency of updates: Weekly	
Producer: Thomson Reuters		Publisher / online host: Thomson Reuters	
Web address: Web of Knowledge http://wok.mimas.ac.uk		Password details: Password required	
Technical specification: N/A			

FREE		SumSearch2	
Subject coverage SUMSearch claims to simultaneously search for original studies, systematic reviews, and practice guidelines from multiple sources. Also claims that results from PubMed, Dare and National Guidelines Clearinghouse (NGC) are merged and sorted.			
Type of sources covered: Original studies, systematic reviews, and practice guidelines.			
Years covered: Varies according to source(s) searched.		Frequency of updates: Varies dependant on sources.	
Producer: University of Kansas		Publisher / online host: University of Kansas	
Web address: http://sumsearch.org/		Password details: No password required	
Technical specification: N/A			

FREE		TOXNET (TOXicology Data NETwork)	
Subject coverage TOXNET is a group of databases covering chemicals and drugs, diseases and the environment, environmental health, occupational safety and health, poisoning, risk assessment and regulations and toxicology.			
Type of sources covered: Journal article citations, government reports, toxicity data for potentially hazardous chemicals, genetic toxicology test data, standards and regulations, cancer testing results and analysis, drug information and also records detailing chemicals.			
Years covered: Varies according to database(s) searched; mostly 1965 to the present.		Frequency of updates: Weekly checks for new data; updated when available.	
Producer: Toxicology and Environmental Health Information Program, National Library of Medicine		Publisher / online host: National Library of Medicine	
Web address: http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/		Password details: No password required	
Technical specification: N/A			

FREE		TRIP Database	
Subject coverage Trip is a clinical search engine designed to allow users to quickly and easily find and use high-quality research evidence to support their practice and/or care.			
Type of sources covered, e.g. journals, dissertations : Evidence-based synopses, systematic reviews, international clinical guidelines, clinical Q&A, controlled trials, case reports, medical images, Medical education, eTextbooks, patient information leaflets, news and peer-reviewed journals.			
Years covered: Not stated (online since 1997)		Frequency of updates: Pubmed content added every 2 weeks; content added manually (mostly the secondary evidence) added once per month (typically around the middle of the month).	
Producer: TRIP Database Ltd		Publisher / online host: TRIP Database Ltd	
Web address: www.tripdatabase.com		Password details: No password required. Registering allows user to keep useful record of activity & receive regular updates on topics of interest. Also keeps database producers up-to-date with Trip usage to better serve information needs. Premium Membership allows access to additional functionality and content and is chargeable.	
Technical specification: The site is optimised for the more recent browsers (including Internet Explorer 9). However, for earlier browsers some formatting issues may arise.			

FREE		UKMi (UK Medicines Information)	
Subject coverage: The UKMi network produces a range of resources to support medicines management and patient safety initiatives across the NHS. Many are available through the NICE Evidence website, including Medicines Q&As and a comprehensive daily news service (MAD) Other resources are available through this (the UKMi) website and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizon scanning resources including the New Drugs Online (NDO) database and Prescribing Outlook • Fridge database • Drugs in lactation database • Patents database • Stability in compliance aids database • Information on medicines supply issues 			
Type of sources covered, e.g. journals, dissertations: As above			
Years covered: Not stated		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer: NHS network of pharmacy departments		Publisher / online host: NHS	
Web address: http://www.ukmi.nhs.uk/		Password details: No password required- May need to register with the site to access certain sections of the site	
Technical specification: N/A			

FREE		WHO (World Health Organisation) Regional databases	
Subject coverage Regional health and medical databases have been compiled to complement internationally known bibliographical indexes such as MEDLINE. The Regional medical indexes, give access to bibliographical information about the health material published locally. They thus add a further dimension to the retrieval of information from developed country-oriented databases.			
There are five WHO Regional databases:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa - African Index Medicus (AIM) • Eastern Mediterranean - Index Medicus for WHO Eastern Mediterranean (IMEMR) which is part of the Virtual Health Sciences Library • Latin America and Caribbean – (LILACS) • South-East Asia - Index Medicus for South-East Asia Region (IMSEAR) • Western Pacific - Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) 			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles, reports			
Years covered: Varies between databases		Frequency of updates: Not stated	
Producer / online host: World Health Organisation (WHO)		Publisher / online host: Published under the auspices of WHO Regional Offices.	
Web address: Search all at www.globalhealthlibrary.net or		Password details: No password required	
1) AIM - http://indexmedicus.afro.who.int/			
2) IMEMR - http://www.emro.who.int/information-resources/imemr-database/			
3) LILACS - http://lilacs.bvsalud.org/en/			
4) IMSEAR - http://imsear.hellis.org/			
5) WPRIM - http://www.wprim.org/			
Technical specifications: N/A			

Password		Zetoc (electronic table of contents)	
Subject coverage Zetoc provides access to the British Library's table of contents of over 29,000 journals and more than 52 million article citations and conference papers across a broad subject range.			
Type of sources covered: Journal articles (availability of abstracts dependent on institution subscription arrangements) & conference papers			
Years covered: 1993-present		Frequency of updates: Daily	
Producer: British Library/ MIMAS		Publisher / online host: MIMAS	
Web address: http://zetoc.mimas.ac.uk		Password details: Free for research councils and for JISC-sponsored UK HE & FE institutions; subscription required for other eligible institutions.	
Technical specifications: N/A			

Appendix 2

Additional subject specific databases

Database	Web address	Subscription required
ABI/Inform Global (business information)	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/abi_inform_global.html	Yes
Abstracts on Hygiene and Communicable Disease	http://www.cabi.org/publishing-products/online-information-resources/abstracts-on-hygiene-and-communicable-diseases/	Yes
Adolec (Adolescent Health – with emphasis on the Americas)	http://bases.bireme.br/cgi-bin/wxislind.exe/iah/online/?IisScript=iah/iah.xis&base=ADOLEC&lang=i	No
Age Info	http://www.cpa.org.uk/ageinfo/ageinfo2.html	No
Age Line (social gerontology)	https://www.ebscohost.com/academic/ageline	Yes
Alcohol Studies Database	http://www2.scc.rutgers.edu/alcohol_studies/alcohol/advancedSearch.php	No
AutismData	http://www.autism.org.uk/autismdata	No
Bibliomap (EPPI Centre Database of Health Promotion Research)	http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/webdatabases/Intro.aspx?ID=7	No
CAB Abstracts (agriculture – includes food science and nutrition)	http://www.cabi.org/publishing-products/online-information-resources/cab-abstracts/	Yes
Cancer Research Clinical Trials	http://cancerhelp.cancerresearchuk.org/trials/	No
Care & Health Law	http://www.careandhealthlaw.com/Public/LawDatabaseMain.aspx	No
Center on Knowledge Translation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research (KTDRR)	http://ktdrr.org/cgi-bin/lib_systematic_search.cgi	No
CIRRIE Database of International Rehabilitation Research (Non US research)	http://cirrie.buffalo.edu/database/?redirect=true	No
Clinical Drug Information	http://www.wolterskluwer CDI.com/	Yes
ComDisDome (communication disorders)	http://www.proquest.com/libraries/academic/databases/communication-disorders-set-c.html	Yes
DisasterLit: resource guide for disaster medicine and public health	http://disasterlit.nlm.nih.gov/	No
DopHer (EPPI Centre Database of Promoting Health Effectiveness Reviews)	http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/webdatabases4/Intro.aspx?ID=9	No
Eldis (International Development)	http://www.eldis.org/	No
Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism Case Reports	https://www.edmcase reports.com/	No
Emerald Management First	http://www.emeraldinsight.com/products/first/index.htm	Yes
EU Kids Online (children's and young people's activities, risks and safety online)	http://www.lse.ac.uk/media@lse/research/EUKidsOnline/DB/home.aspx	No

Evidence AID (natural disasters, humanitarian crises or major healthcare emergencies)	http://www.evidenceaid.org/resources/	No
Forced Migration Online	http://repository.forcedmigration.org/	No
GIDEON (Global Infectious Disease Epidemiology Online Network)	http://www.gideononline.com/	Yes
Global Health Data Exchange (surveys, censuses, vital statistics, and other health-related data)	http://ghdx.healthdata.org/	No
Health Communication Materials Resources	http://ccp.jhu.edu/resources/	No
Health and Psychosocial Instruments Abstracts	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/866.jsp	Yes
Health Library for Disasters	http://helid.desastres.net/	No
Health Systems Evidence (governance, finance and delivery arrangements)	http://www.healthsystemsevidence.org/open-search.aspx	No but registration with site is required
HIV AIDS Clinical Trials	http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/ClinicalTrials/Default.aspx	No
HSRProj (Health Services Research Projects in Progress - US)	https://wwwcf.nlm.nih.gov/hsr_project/home_proj.cfm	No
HSRR (Health Services and Sciences Research Resources)	https://wwwcf.nlm.nih.gov/hsrr_search/index.cfm	No
HUD User Bibliographic Database (Housing)	https://www.huduser.gov/portal/bibliodb/pdrbibdb.html	No
International Bibliography of the Social Sciences	http://www.proquest.co.uk/en-UK/catalogs/databases/detail/ibss-set-c.shtml	Yes
International Pharmaceutical Abstracts	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/ipa-set-c.html	Yes
Joanna Briggs Institute EBP Databases (Nursing and Midwifery)	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/11299.jsp#horizontalTab1	Yes
MANTIS (Manual, Alternative and Natural Therapy Index System)	http://www.chiroaccess.com/Start.aspx	Yes for full access but limited data is available with free site registration
Minority Health and Health Equity Archive	http://health-equity.pitt.edu/	No
Natural Medicines	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/11576.jsp	Yes
NARIC KnowledgeBase (Disability and Rehabilitation -formerly RehabData)	http://www.naric.com/?q=en/Knowledgebase	No
NOPA (WHO European database on nutrition, obesity and physical activity)	http://data.euro.who.int/nopa/	No
NTIS.gov (US and non-US government-sponsored research with access to most technical reports)	http://www.ntis.gov/	Not for searching. Advanced features do require a sub.
Nutrition Abstracts and Reviews	http://www.cabi.org/publishing-products/online-information-resources/nutrition-abstracts-and-reviews-series-ahuman-and-experimental/	Yes

Obesity+	http://plus.mcmaster.ca/Obesity/Default.aspx?Page=1	No but registration with site is required
Orphanet (rare diseases and orphan drugs)	http://www.orpha.net/consor/cgi-bin/index.php	No
PAIS International Social and Public Policy	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/pais-set-c.html	Yes
Parasitology Database	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/128.jsp	Yes
PDQ Evidence (reviews and systematic reviews for health systems evidence)	http://www.pdq-evidence.org/	No
PILOTS (Traumatic Stress)	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/pilots-set-c.html	Yes
Popline (Reproductive Health)	http://www.popline.org/	No
Prescqiip Innovation Hub (QIPP case studies for pharmacists and drug therapy)	http://www.prescqiip.info/sharing-section/innovation-hub	No but need to register with site
PROMs (Patient reported outcome measures)	http://phi.uhce.ox.ac.uk/perl/phig/phidb_search.pl	No
PROQUALID (Patient reported outcome and Quality of Life Instruments Database)	http://www.proqolid.org/	No but sub required for advanced access
PsycBITE (Psychological Database for Brain Impairment Treatment Efficacy)	http://www.psycbite.com/	No
PsycEXTRA (American Psychological Association – grey literature)	http://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psycextra/	Yes
PsycTESTS	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/10528.jsp	Yes
RHL (Reproductive Health Library)	http://apps.who.int/rhl/en/	No
Safety Lit (Injury Prevention)	http://safetylit.org/	No
Social Work Abstracts	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/DataBase/150.jsp	Yes
Sociological Abstracts	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/socioabs-set-c.html	Yes
Social Services Abstracts	http://www.proquest.com/products-services/ssa-set-c.html	Yes
SpeechBITE	http://www.speechbite.com/	No
SportsDISCUS	http://www.ebscohost.com/public/sportdiscus-with-full-text	Yes
Transplant Library	http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/databases/4633.jsp	Yes
Tropical Diseases Bulletin	http://www.cabi.org/publishing-products/online-information-resources/tropical-diseases-bulletin/	Yes
TRoPHI (Trials Register of Promoting Health Interventions)	http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/webdatabases4/Intro.aspx?ID=12	No
Violence and Abuse Abstracts	http://www.ebscohost.com/government/violence-abuse-abstracts	Yes

Virtual Health Library: Evidence Portal (emphasis on South America, Portugal, Spain and South Africa)	http://regional.bvsalud.org/php/index.php	No
WHOLIS (World Health Organisation Library)	http://disei.who.int/uhtbin/cgiirsi/Wed+Nov+22+03:11:10+MET+2006/0/49	No

Appendix 3 Sites to help choose referencing software

- Comparison of bibliographic software compiled by Loughborough University, 2015
http://www.lboro.ac.uk/media/wwwlboroacuk/content/library/downloads/refworks/Bibliographic_Comparison_2015.pdf
- University of Exeter Referencing software guide
<https://as.exeter.ac.uk/library/subjectguides/english/informationsskills/referencingsoftware/>
- Wikipedia comparison of reference software
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_reference_management_software

Appendix 4 Search Discovery Tools

Go Pubmed <http://www.gopubmed.org/web/gopubmed/>

GoPubMed® allows users to find information significantly faster and guarantees completeness of search results. The fundamental difference between GoPubMed's semantic search technology and traditional search engines such as PubMed or Google is the use of background knowledge. Semantic algorithms connect text – abstracts from the MEDLINE database – to background knowledge in the form of semantic networks of concept categories, also called ontologies or knowledge base. This is done by **meaning** and **not** by **keywords** only. So results are meaningfully structured and intelligent semantic navigation becomes possible. You can also view publication statistics based on your search terms including top years published, countries, cities, authors, journals, subject terms

Knalij <http://knalij.com/>

Presents Pubmed results visually using interactive maps. The maps show connections between medical concepts and the extent of the research for each of those concepts

MeSH on Demand - <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MeSHonDemand.html>

Paste in a block of text and generate a list of relevant MeSH terms

Pubmed PubReMiner - <http://hgserver2.amc.nl/cgi-bin/miner/miner2.cgi>

Provides detailed analysis of Pubmed Search results. Generates frequency tables to show which journals you topic is published in the most, which authors are most active, which words appear most in the titles and abstracts, which MeSH terms appear most frequently

Quetzal – Linguistic searching of Medline <https://www.quetzal-search.info/>

Uses ontology based searching of Medline to deliver contextually relevant results. Quetzal's *Power Term*™ functionality allows users to find all members of a category such as "diseases" without cluttering results with hits from general terms (e.g., disease, syndrome), resulting in lists that specifically answer questions such as: "Which diseases are affected by caffeine?" Basic version available for free. Subscription required for advanced features

SJR SCImago Journal & Country Rank <http://www.scimagojr.com/index.php> A portal that includes the journals and country scientific indicators developed from the information contained in the [Scopus](#)® database. It includes the Shape of Science which visually illustrates the bibliometric data

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