

# INTELLIGENCE INSIDER

Your Oxford Health Libraries' monthly newsletter



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## Oxford Health Library Service Team Away Day

Last Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, our full team had a lovely time at the Oxford Botanical Gardens. We enjoyed a lovely summer outing. Nature wasn't shy. Under the blue sky, plants and insects showed off to please our sight in a spectacular way. We also had the opportunity to stop near a fountain and be mindful of the flow of the water, the songs of the birds, scented air and the warmth of the sun.



**Bertha Calles Cartas**  
Assistant Library Manager

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful place just around the corner in Oxford. It is important to do these kinds of activities collectively.

Everyday work, where much of our interactions are mediated by a computer, can make us forget the human side of our colleagues and that, despite our different temperaments, we can have a good time together.

This opportunity made me reflect on the importance of nature and the efforts we must make to protect our lands and our communities, especially those that seem far away from us – places like Palestine, Sudan, and Congo where people for a long time have been struggling to keep their humanity.

Despite these considerations, I did not feel guilty for being able to enjoy the garden's blessings. I could sit still and fully delight in it while experiencing a profound sadness for the nature we are losing: all the olive trees being destroyed, the mountains being mined, and the land and water being polluted. Moreover, I felt the pain of the peoples whose territories are being devastated; they must feel they are losing their present and their future. I think that by enjoying such beauty as we did in the botanical gardens, it is possible to develop empathy and connectedness, beyond our surroundings.



It is worrying and sad that so many [environmental activists have been killed](#); it tells us how much is at stake when it comes to protecting the environment and the peoples that inhabit it. I think it is important to be [talking about these things](#) at work without fear of it being perceived as a partisan political activity instead of a normal act of humanity and compassion. It is important to share information on how to support causes we care for, such as [Medact](#) which supports healthcare workers in Palestine.

If you haven't planned an away-day with your team, I fully recommend a guided tour at the Botanical Gardens in Oxford. No matter the season, they are always a treat, in any weather and time of the year.

*In this issue*, our colleagues at the L&D Department will talk about ClinicalSkills.net, thanks to **Gabriele** and **Adrian** and all the team, **Tiziana** will take us back to the origins of Warneford Hospital. For an **Evidence-Based Practice training session** for Primary/Community Care via MS Teams, on Tuesday 2nd July, 1-2 pm, with the topic **Searching the Cochrane Library-a source of a systematic reviews and RCTs**, please email **Kate**: [kate.jones@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:kate.jones@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk) for the link.

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## Oxford Health Library

### Survey 2024

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CLOSING DATE 5TH JULY



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## Let's give the experts the floor!

**Gabriele Ortu**  
Clinical Practice Educator



ClinicalSkills.net is an online resource designed to support NHS staff, students, and health care professionals in performing clinical skills and delivering high-quality patient care. It provides a collection of over 250 step-by-step guides covering various procedures in *adult nursing, children's nursing, midwifery, primary care, and moving and handling patients*. ClinicalSkills.net helps clinicians to save time and facilitate practice in accordance with the best evidence. Moreover, it helps the educational team to find resources to share with learners.

### Key features:

**Clear and concise instructions:** Each procedure is explained in a straightforward way with illustrations to guide users through each step.

**Developed by specialists:** The content is created by healthcare professionals and reviewed by colleagues to ensure accuracy and adherence to best practice.

**National guidance:** The guides incorporate links to relevant national guidelines for reference.

**Continuing professional development (CPD) support:** The resource can be used by staff to support their ongoing professional development and revalidation requirements.

**Personalised learning:** Users can add their own notes and reflections to procedures for personal study purposes.

Clinicalskills.net is available from the [NHS Knowledge and library hub](#) on the [L&D intranet webpage](#) and as usual from [the library website](#).

## THE LUNATIC ASYLUM – A FILM

A while ago a short film was recorded in the library.

It was born from a cooperation between the [Oxfordshire Recovery College](#) and [University of Oxford](#), whose [History Faculty](#) has launched a Community History hub.

Among their projects is the [Oxford Health Histories](#), which considers the development of medical practices in Oxford and recently looked at the History of the Warneford Hospital and its early patients. Tutors from the Recovery College shared their own experiences with the historians and commented on the stories garnered from old hospital patients' records.


Although a great many changes have taken place since the hospital began to admit patients, there are also many parallels that bridge the present and the past. Stuart Hobbs, behind the camera, moves smoothly from the archives to the library, just as the discussion moves from the histories of old patients to contemporary understanding of mental health. A video of the film is available [here](#).



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