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# Evidence Unwrapped

Your Oxfordshire Primary Care monthly newsletter from  
your Primary Care Librarian



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15<sup>th</sup> October found me at the Hilton hotel in Thame for the annual **Trent Valley GP Training** event. This was my second time at this event but last time I was working with Bucks Primary Care staff and this time I was on the look-out for Oxfordshire colleagues.

Running a stand is tricky, people avoid eye contact as though their lives depend on it! I tried all the usual tricks: I bought freebies – pens, bookmarks, even chocolates. I tried to look approachable: I took out my knitting and subtly displayed my Archers tote bag – all without success. No one came near – well, 1 person, bless her.

My big chance came when I saw the absolutely massive queue for tea/coffee. A captive audience! Once I approached the GPs in the queue they all seemed genuinely pleased to talk with me. Every last one knew what an NHS OpenAthens account was and if they didn't already have one, they wanted one. Most were surprised to learn that Oxfordshire had a librarian who was dedicated exclusively to serve Primary Care. Many even voluntarily came over to chat with me later and look at the board games and books that I had brought along.

So, in the style of any good reflection, what can I conclude

- GPs DON'T like Quality Streets
- GPs DO like free highlighters
- GPs are keen to access high-quality evidence
- The food at the Hilton is lovely

Hopefully I will forge ongoing relationships with many of the lovely people I met there



## Searching Tips

I hold a weekly drop-in every Thursday 12:30 – 1:30pm on MS Teams.

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 350 033 425 251 Passcode: AiWd3B

Please drop in if you are having problems with :

Your NHS OpenAthens—Planning a search strategy—Accessing a full text article  
- Referencing—Developing awareness of health literacy in your organisation  
and much much more.

If you would prefer to have a **Teams invitation** so that your **calendar reminds** you of the 'drop in' sessions, please let me know and I'll send it to you.



## Please give me your feedback on these newsletters

I would be grateful if you could spare 2 minutes to complete a very short survey. I would like to know if these newsletters are interesting or helpful to you [here](#).

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