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THE EVIDENCE AID COVID-19 EVIDENCE COLLECTION

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About Me

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Knowledge and Evidence Specialist (Health Improvement) – Public Health England (2019 – present)

Library and Information Service Manager – Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass) (2009-2019)

Library and Information Service Officer – Barnardo’s/Cafcass (2006-2009)

Qualifications
CILIP: The Library and Information Association Fellowship (2019)


PgDip Applied Sport & Exercise Psychology (2015)

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MA Modern History (2002)
About Evidence Aid

• Evidence Aid is a not-for-profit organisation specialising in collating and summarising the best available evidence to effectively prepare for, and respond to, disasters and emergencies.

• Evidence Aid searches for relevant systematic reviews, which are then summarised, categorised, and made accessible and searchable to everyone on their website: https://evidenceaid.org/
Evidence Aid’s COVID-19 Collection


386 systematic review summaries relevant to COVID-19 are now freely available on the EA website. [As of 19th August 2020]
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How did I get involved?

Evidence Aid reached out to the Knowledge and Library Services Team at PHE for support at the end of March....

Initially asked to be the literature searching co-ordinator: “Just 2-3 hours a day...” then it snowballed...

...I’m now the COVID-19 Project Co-Ordinator, combining Evidence Aid work with my PHE responsibilities.
What do I actually do?

I’m now the COVID-19 Project Co-Ordinator which involves:
• Co-ordinating the work of 14 volunteer literature searchers
• Co-ordinating the work of 39 volunteer systematic review summary writers and support staff
• Liaising with the core team
• Working on priority lists of summaries after the lit search and screening stages, and spotting gaps in the collections
• Advising on library/information matters relevant to the collection

But what does it really involve?

• Spreadsheets
• Emails
• Relationship management
Literature search topics

A few examples of targeted searches carried out by volunteer searchers in response to suggestions from Evidence Aid advisors:

- Pandemic measures in schools
- Reducing social isolation in the elderly
- Digital, online and telephone support for grieving and bereaved families
- The impact of COVID-19 on refugees and refugee camps
- Respiratory support including mechanical and physical therapy
- The impact of COVID-19 on accident and emergency (A&E) admissions
What about my PHE work?

PHE literature searches completed since I started working with Evidence Aid:
• Sickle Cell / Thalassemia (Evidence Briefing)
• Digital tools for musculoskeletal health
• Alcohol Clinical Guidelines – Criminal Justice section
• Vitamin D for respiratory infection (COVID-related)
• Common mental illnesses and cardiovascular disease
• The Knowledge to Action Cycle
• Non-medical use of opioids
• COVID-19 and cardiovascular disease
• The health impact of Permitted Development Rights
• International Health Regulations
• Family and Household structures
• Substance use and mental health comorbidities
• The North American Free Trade Agreement and obesity
Impact and Statistics

**Systematic review summaries** [Up to 19th August]
386 summaries on the website in total; 103 summaries currently in progress;

**Translations**
376 in Arabic; 376 in Chinese (simplified); 376 in Chinese (traditional); 376 in French; 47 in Italian; 376 in Portuguese; 376 in Spanish;

**Literature searches**
33 searches completed on specific topics related to COVID-19 since March.

**Digital engagement**
30,676 people used the Evidence website in the last week.
There have been 270,429 views since mid-March.
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