

Velindre University NHS Trust Library & Knowledge Service Annual Report April 2025-March 2026

(NB: The library was operating at reduced capacity during this review period due to staff changes)

Anne Cleves - Librarian

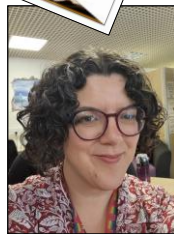
“Our vision is to empower evidence-based decision making by delivering an outstanding library and knowledge service supporting excellence in all the Trust’s activities and to ultimately help provide the best possible services to our patients and donors.”

GENERAL ACTIVITY

The library strategy and action plan have been refreshed to support the move to the nVCC.

The NHS Wales Libraries & Knowledge Service (NHSWLKS) statistical return was completed, enabling us to benchmark our services against other NHS Wales Library and Knowledge Services to identify strengths and weaknesses.

Following a review of the library IT provision two new two laptop docking stations and an additional NHS networked PC have been installed.

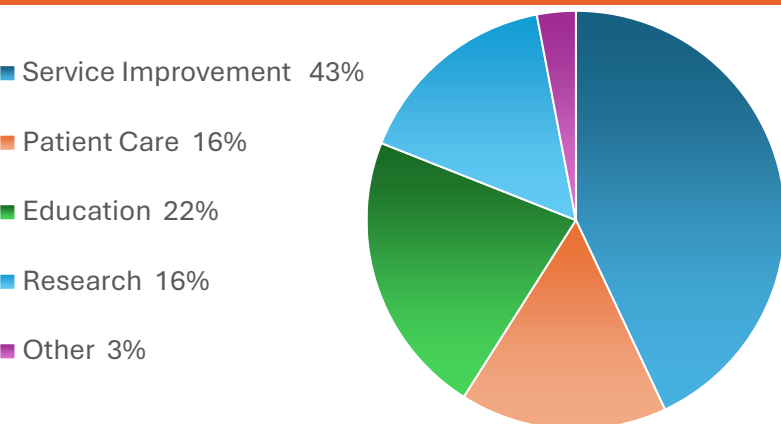


STAFF NEWS

Hannah Davies took up her position as the new Assistant Librarian in July and has settled in well.

Hannah previously worked as part of the Cardiff University Library Services team and has recently completed her MSc in Information and Library Studies.

EVIDENCE SEARCHES



We carried out **61** evidence searches and we supported **5** 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 422 hours on this activity – that’s nearly 61 working days!

LIBRARY USAGE STATISTICS

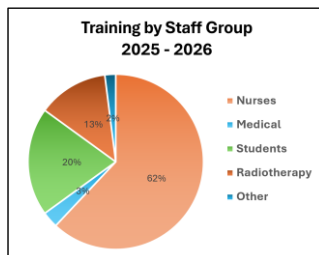
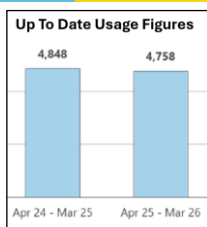
Up to Date: usage figures have remained consistent. Cost per look up is approx. £3.11 which still represents good value for money.

Footfall: (during staffed hours): there were **2241** visits to the library over this period, an increase on last year.

Document supply: 343 interlibrary loans were sourced for users.

Number of individuals trained: 86.

Number of hours spent training: 35.



THE FUTURE – KEY ACTIONS

- Prepare for the move to the nVCC by:
 - Working with the Trust on equipment and interior design requirements.
 - Reviewing the Physical Book Stock.
 - Weeding the Physical Journal Stock.
 - Reviewing E-resources.
- Work with the NHSWLKS on agreeing a Quality Improvement Outcomes Framework.

LIBRARY STAFF PUBLICATIONS

C. Chong-Nguyen, B. Yilmaz, **B. Coles**, et al. (2025). "A scoping review evaluating the current state of gut microbiota and its metabolites in valvular heart disease physiopathology." *European Journal of Clinical Investigation* **55(6): e14381**.

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S. Harding, **A. Cleves** and A. Guirguis (2025). "A comparison between the delivery of genomic and pharmacogenomic education and training for pharmacy undergraduates between the UK and other international countries: A narrative review." *Currents in pharmacy teaching & learning* **18(1): 102481**.

A.-S. Strauss, **A. Cleves** and P. Dahm (2025). "Re: Elio Mazzone, Alice Thomson, David C. Chen, et al. The Role of Prostate-specific Membrane Antigen Positron Emission Tomography for Assessment of Local Recurrence and Distant Metastases in Patients with Biochemical Recurrence of Prostate Cancer After Definitive Treatment: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *Eur Urol* 2025;88:129-41." *European urology*.