

Knowledge and Library Services Case Study

Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust: Conservative Treatment of Pelvic Organ Prolapse

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Reason for enquiry

Pelvic organ prolapse (POP) is a common condition effecting women worldwide with an estimated 41% of women, aged between 50-79, likely to develop symptoms. Yi Ling approached the Library and Knowledge Service (LKS) for help to support her work with the International Urogynecological Association, specifically with a multinational/multi-professional review group looking at all the available evidence in relation to POP. The aim of the project is *“to help transform evolving new data into knowledge, knowledge into recommendations, and recommendations into improved patient care for women”* This is a 3-year project and LKS was asked to help with chapter 3 which dealt with the conservative treatment of POP.

What the knowledge and library specialist did

The LKS undertook a series of complex, multiple and detailed searches with search terms compiled in collaboration with international colleagues. This ensured that all relevant papers were made available for the expert panel to review and analyse and ultimately a paper was published in the August 2022 issue of the [International Urogynecology Journal](#) and the LKS was acknowledged for the work they did to support the publication.

Impact of input from the library and knowledge service

The literature review service we offered to Yi Ling saved her time and offered her reassurance that she was as fully informed by having all the evidence available to support her work with the expert panel.

Immediate Impact

The following is a quote from Yi Ling's email.

Thank you very much for all your help with the literature search for the International Urogynecology Consultation Chapter 3 Committee 2: Conservative Treatment of Pelvic Organ Prolapse - Pelvic Floor Muscle Training. It was published on 18/8/2022 as attached.

You were specially mentioned in the Acknowledgement.

This is the first one from the committee and more articles are in progress. I will be in touch again with updates.

Thank you again for everything you have done.

Probable future Impact

The cost of pelvic floor surgery alone is estimated to cost the NHS over £45 million per year. Focussing on effective treatment strategies will not only lead to cost savings for the NHS, but will bring improvements to the care of millions of women worldwide who suffer from this condition.

Name and Job Title:

Name: Miss Yi Ling Chan

Job Title: Consultant in Obstetrics and Urogynaecology

For further information on how you can get similar support contact your local NHS library and knowledge service.

Submission Details

[To be completed by Knowledge and Library Service at the point of submission]

Name of Organisation **Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS FoundationTrust**

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Title of Case Study

NHS Region *[Make bold the option which applies:]*

East of England

London

Midlands

North East and Yorkshire

North West

South East

South West

Sector *[Make bold the option which applies:]*

Acute

Acute and community

Care Trust

Clinical Commissioning Group

Commissioning Support

Community Trust

Cross-sector

Local Education and Training Board

Mental Health

Mental Health / Learning Disability

Mental Health / Social Care

Primary Care

Public Health

Shared Service / Informatics

Special HA

Other. If other, please specify

Group Impacted *[Make bold the option which applies:]*

Additional Clinical Services

Administrative and Clerical

Allied Health Professionals

Estates and Ancillary

Healthcare Scientists

Medicine and Dental

Multiprofessional

Patients, Carers and the Public

Nursing and Midwifery

Scientific and Technical

Students

Impact Types *[Make bold any of the impact types below which apply]*

Contributed to personal or professional development

Contributed to service development or delivery

Facilitated collaborative working

Health Information for Patients, Carers and the Public

Improved the quality of patient care

Mobilising evidence and organisational knowledge

More informed decision making

Productivity and efficiency

Reduced risk or improved safety

Saved money or contributed to financial effectiveness

Improved health and wellbeing of staff and learners

Consent

I have consent from individuals referred to in this case study to share details nationally for advocacy and promotion. *[Make bold the option which applies:]*

Yes

No