

KNOWLEDGE SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

Issue 1

Welcome to the first Knowledge Services Newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter! Here you can find out about the services we offer and the new, exciting resources available to you!

It's been a strange couple of years for us all and moving forward your workstyle may have changed somewhat. We can still help you with your work, even if it is remotely.

Our services are listed on this page, and we can be contacted by telephone on 01384 816173 or email at:

knowledgeservices@dudley.gov.uk

So, what have we been up to during the last few years? We have been supporting you with evidence searches around Covid, creating weekly covid bulletins for care homes and commissioners and helping out with the Covid shielding calls. We have also recorded how the council responded to the pandemic, so that we might learn for the future.

Some of the Covid related searches we were asked to carry out are: **accuracy of the Innova LFTs; factors influencing vaccine hesitancy; covid infection clusters on public transport; covid's impact on loneliness and social isolation; safe use of fans in care homes and covid and vitamin D.**



Our services include:

- Evidence searching
- Article requests
- Training: group sessions or 1:1
- Health News Digest & Covid bulletins
- Journal clubs
- Print & e books
- Journals
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From BASE to HeLM: A new library consortium



As some of you may know Knowledge Services used to belong to a consortium of health libraries called BASE. Well, BASE has now extended it's network out to other libraries in the Midlands and is now known as HeLM (Health Libraries Midlands).

So, what does this mean for you? It means that you will access to even more resources than before and the standard loan period has now increased to 6 weeks, you can borrow up to 16 items at any one time. Your items are automatically renewed up to 5 times unless they are requested by another user. No fines are charged, although lost items must be replaced or paid for.

For further information and to search the HeLM catalogue visit the website at:

<https://www.healthlibrariesmidlands.nhs.uk/>



Looking for Evidence?



Looking for evidence to help inform a decision, or want to find best practice before implementing a new service? An evidence search is a thorough and organised way to find information on your topic. It can save you time and add valuable insight in the early stages of a project.

Knowledge Services can carry out an evidence search for you. To request a search please use our Search Request Form which can be found here:

<https://www.allaboutdudley.info/home/knowledge-services/literature-search/>

We have access to the NICE/NHS core databases, but can also carry out grey literature searches for reports, unpublished articles and ephemeral material.

Some examples of recent searches we have been asked to carry out are: **the public health benefits of green space; services to support traumatic birth; workplace health; young people's mental health; causes of loneliness.**

New resources

New resources recently added to our stock include:

The Sheldon short guide to phobias and panic by Gournay, Kevin

We're all mad here: the no-nonsense guide to living with social anxiety by Eastham, Claire.

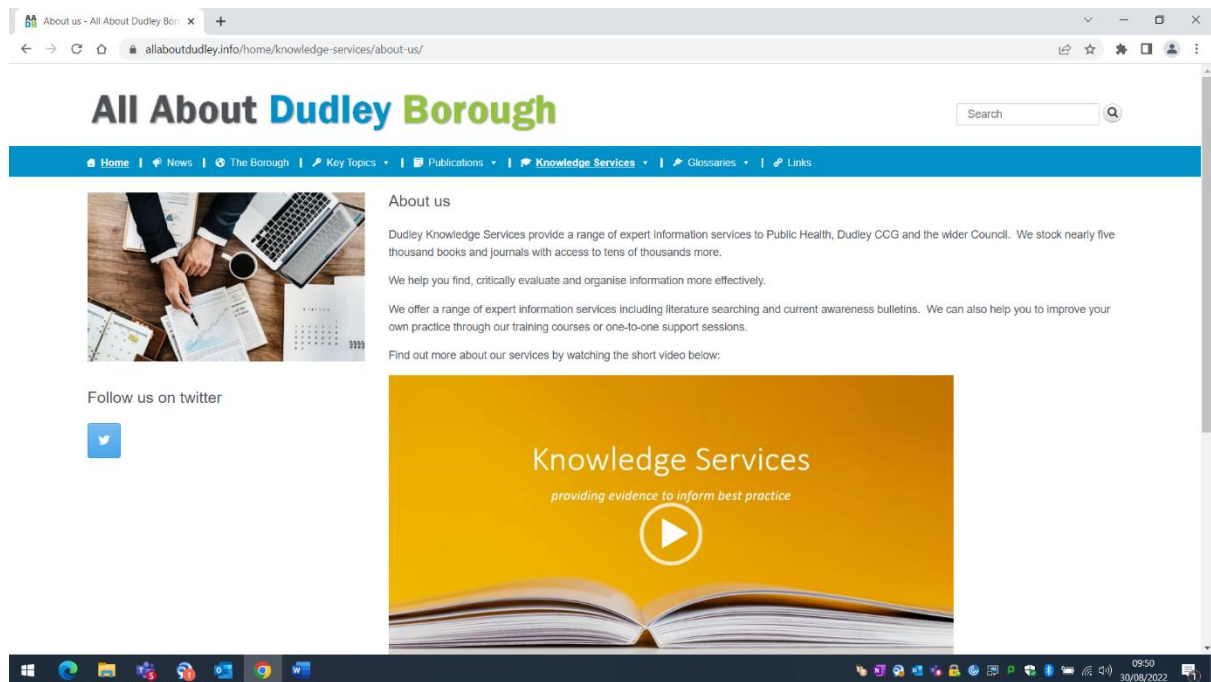
Making friends with the menopause: a clear and comforting guide to support you as your body changes by Rayner, Sarah

How to feel better: practical ways to recover well from illness and injury by Goodhart, Frances

Just a reminder...

Just a reminder that if you need our services, our contact details and forms for requesting articles and evidence searches can be found on All About Dudley.

<https://www.allaboutdudley.info/home/knowledge-services/about-us/>



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Look out for our next newsletter in December and please get in touch if you need anything.

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