

## Key aspects of role:

- Often as a member of a selected multi-professional clinical team, provides evaluated clinical evidence for patient care at the time and point of need.
- Builds relationship with selected teams by attending ward rounds, case reviews, audits and other departmental meetings.
- Conducts proactive systematic and complex literature searches, appraising, synthesising and summarising results to ensure that the team are basing service development decisions on best evidence to improve patient care.
- Identifying the on-going clinical interests of team members by providing highly personalised current awareness and alerting services.
- Designing and delivering library, information and research skills training to support evidence based healthcare.

[Evidence summary: Clinical Librarianship. Alison McLaren & Marianne Lindfield \(March 2018\). REDHILL, UK: Surrey and Sussex Library and Knowledge Services.](#)

## Impact of role:

### Clinical Librarian contributes to streamlined care pathway

A new pathway was required to ensure that the right investigations and treatment are in place to support patients.

The Clinical Librarian has the ability to listen into the team discussion and can identify key aspects of a patient's presentation that may require further evidence to help our discussions.

*"With the help of the Clinical Librarian we have been able to review the up to date evidence and a new pathway has been implemented that will enable patients in the future to have a more streamlined process when admitted to hospital".* Acute Oncology Lead, Western Sussex Hospitals NHS FT

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