

LKS Library and Knowledge Services

Embedding Evidence Into Practice

Case Study 7



Who:

Advanced Nurse Practitioner,
Rapid Response Team.

Research request:

Research support to help identify a suitable frailty tool for service to help improve the community pathways and allocate resources effectively.

What we did:

Librarian provided a “Library Awareness” session at work base to update team about research support for evidence based practice.

Discussed evidence needs.

Carried out a literature search of the clinical databases on frailty tools.

Emailed relevant references.

Assisted in obtaining full text as all studies were relevant.

Benefit and impact:

The clinician saved valuable time searching for evidence allowing her to focus on analysing the results.

Using the frailty tool improved the patient journey so that frail patients can be at home rather than at hospital.

Frail patients have an enhanced quality of life and are engaged in their care pathways.

Redesigned service decreased hospital readmissions of frail patients within 30 days from 47% to 12% over the last 12 months.

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