

Library impact case study

<p>Library concerned: HRB National Drugs Library</p> <p>Name of case study:</p> <p>Date: 27/10/2017</p>	
Interviewee	<p>Name: Eva Devaney Job Title: PhD Researcher Employing body: University of Limerick</p>
Summary of problem or reason for enquiry	<p>My PhD research project is an analysis of Irish drug policy that involves a historical element. I have consulted the library to search for literature relevant to my topic.</p>
Brief description of the information found / service provided	<p>Frequently (several times a month), and throughout my project, I have engaged with and consulted the on-line resources. Occasionally I have contacted the library by email to ask advice or to requesting hard copy publications. I usually search for policy documents, journal articles and Dail Debates – items that I am unable to locate at the library at my institution. I also read the newsletter, which compiles all recently published reports, policies, journal articles, newspaper articles etc. It's an excellent medium to keeping informed and updated on developments in the field</p>
Summary of outcome and impact	<p>Generally I have been able to source the documents that I was searching for. The Library has been a great research support to me during my PhD project due to its specialist nature and the range of resources available.</p>
Immediate Impact (including quotes)	<p>I have been able to use the resources I have located in the library to inform my literature review and analysis of policy. I have been able to retrieve articles from journals that are not available in my institutional library. The Library has saved me time. For example, my research has involved reviewing Dail Debates. Instead of searching the Oireachtas website for content relevant to my topic, I have been able to go directly to the HRB library which has the specialist collection.</p>
Probable future Impact (including quotes)	<p>The HRB library has contributed great support to my research and the writing up of my thesis during the past 5 years. I will continue to access the resources as I plan to disseminate my research findings through publications.</p>