

Library impact case study

<p>Library concerned: The HRB National Drugs Library</p> <p>Name of case study: Assistance provided to researcher conducting a systematic review</p> <p>Date: 07/12/17</p>	
Interviewee	<p>Name: Anne Marie Carew</p> <p>Job Title: Research Officer/PhD candidate at Trinity College Dublin</p> <p>Employing body: Health Research Board</p>
Summary of problem or reason for enquiry	<p>While conducting a systematic literature review, I found a number of relevant studies for which I was unable to access full text using my third level institution's library. I approached the HRB National Drugs Library for assistance as it is specialised in the areas of drug use and addiction.</p>
Brief description of the information found / service provided	<p>The HRB National Drugs Library assisted in locating and obtaining full text articles relevant to my research study.</p>
Summary of outcome and impact	<p>The HRB National Drugs Library provided all of the articles requested, this had a huge and positive impact on my research as it allowed me to successfully complete a systematic review which has been published in the Journal of Drug and Alcohol Dependence. Without the assistance of The HRB National Drugs Library the review would have been incomplete.</p>
Immediate Impact (including quotes)	<p>Staff at The HRB National Drugs Library responded quickly to requests. This allowed me to continue my study without losing momentum.</p>
Probable future Impact (including quotes)	<p>Future impact is difficult to predict, I am certain that it will be positive and vast. The assistance provided by The HRB National Drugs Library facilitated a systematic review of an under researched and growing area within drug addiction. This work aims to move forward the knowledge base on this topic, raise awareness among treatment services and assist future policy and practice considerations.</p>