DBTH Knowledge & Library Service

Literature search service impact 2020/21

127 enquirers, covering 194 separate searches, virtually identical level of demand to last year

….without information services help throughout the pandemic clinicians would have struggled to keep up to date with an ever emerging evidence base.”

100% of searches completed by agreed date. **23%** were done same or next day, **53%** in 5 days or less, & **80%** in 10 days or less.

70% of searches helped to avoid adverse events, e.g. delays in the patient pathway, unnecessary tests, referrals or procedures

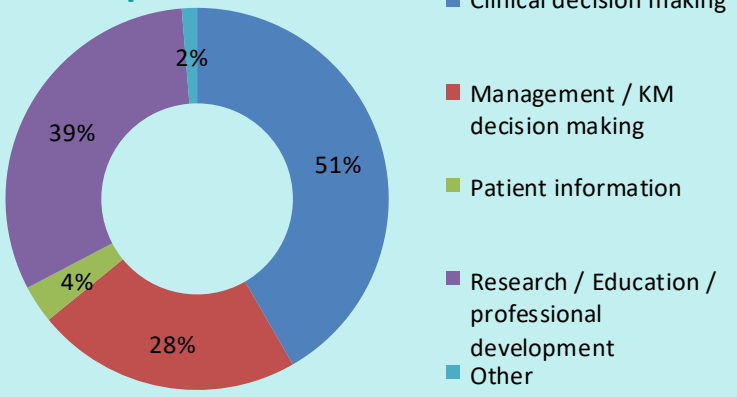
77% of our requestors said the results were used in clinical decision making, **45%** were used to develop clinical guidelines

45% used the evidence to give advice to patients or carers, **33%** said it influenced their choice of tests

65% of requesters used the evidence to give advice to colleagues, and **45%** supported personal research or CPD.

“the information gathered will help in the service improvement of urogynaecology services, it will help us develop & improve services to meet the require-ments of national guidelines and the NHS Long Term Plan as well as help in the creation of an APP role in urogynaecology which will lead to cost savings & improvements in patient centred & evidence based care”

Purpose of search



“The information will be used to write a new guideline”

“I used the information for my own professional development, and in development of standard operating procedures.”

“I used the search findings to inform a teaching session with colleagues in our diabetes MDT meeting”