

Academic staff

Your library contact is **Rachel Posaner** (<mailto:r.d.posaner@bham.ac.uk>), 0121 414 7060.

We can help you to

Search the literature

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Request a literature search

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To request a literature search you can:

- ring Rachel Posaner or Emma Green on 0121 414 7060 to discuss your search in person
- download and print/email this **Word document** (</Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/hsmc-library/forms/Literaturesearchrequestform.docx>) and then **post it** (</facilities/hsmc-library/about/contact-us.aspx>) to us
- email **Rachel Posaner** (</facilities/hsmc-library/about/contact-us.aspx>) with the details of your search

You will receive the results of your search within four working days unless you have specified otherwise.

You should receive our monthly bulletin detailing the recent literature searches we have completed. If you are interested viewing the full results of any of these **contact Rachel Posaner** (</facilities/hsmc-library/about/contact-us.aspx>)

Do you prefer to do your own searching?

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Resources to help you

We have a **collection of resources** (</facilities/hsmc-library/help-and-training/literature-searching.aspx>) including PDF guides, podcasts and FAQs to help you search the databases.

Where to access the databases

You can access the health related databases via **FindIt@Bham** (http://findit.bham.ac.uk/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?) using your username and password.

We provide the following training session:

How to carry out a literature search, including the points:

- how to choose your database
- how to write a comprehensive search strategy
- how to perform your search efficiently and effectively
- how to limit your search
- how to expand your search
- how to export your results
- an introduction to referencing software (this may be done as a separate session)

Contact Rachel Posaner (</facilities/hsmc-library/about/contact-us.aspx>) for more information or to book a session.

Find your journal articles

Request journal articles

Do you need journal articles, grey literature, government reports?

- complete this **online request form** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/hsmc-library/forms/articlerequest.aspx>)
- or, if you have multiple requests you might find it easier to use **this Word document** (</Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/hsmc-library/forms/Request-form.doc>) version of the form.

We will send you the articles, by email, in PDF format within three working days.

What happens if we cannot get your item?

We can order items from the British Library free of charge on your behalf, for more information **contact Wendy Spurr** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/hsmc-library/about/contact-us.aspx>).

Do you prefer to find your own research?

Where to access ejournals

You can access ejournals via **FindIt@Bham** (http://findit.bham.ac.uk/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?) using your username and password.

We provide the following training session:

Finding information

- how to find a book
- how to find a journal article
- what are resources available to you

Contact Rachel Posaner (<http://www.bhamtest1.bham.ac.uk/facilities/hsmc-library/about/contact-us.aspx>) for more information or to book a session.

Find your books

Search the library catalogue (<https://cssfs8.bham.ac.uk/HeritageScripts/Hapi.dll/search1>)

Information on borrowing from the library (</facilities/hsmc-library/library-resources/borrowing.aspx>)

Help searching the library catalogue (<https://cssfs8.bham.ac.uk/HeritageScripts/Hapi.dll/help?topic=overviewh>)

See the latest titles added to the library (http://books.google.co.uk/books?uid=5469388762138724477&source=qbs_lp_bookshelf_list)

Do you have a book suggestion for us? (</facilities/hsmc-library/forms/stocksuggestion.aspx>)

You can also use **other libraries on campus** (<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/about/libraries/index.aspx>)

What happens if we do not have your book in the library?

We can order books from the British Library free of charge on your behalf, for more information **contact Wendy Spurr** (</facilities/hsmc-library/about/contact-us.aspx>).

Keep abreast of current events

Receive our news bulletins

We produce a series of **emailed bulletins** (</facilities/hsmc-library/current-awareness/bulletins.aspx>) designed to keep you up to date with current issues.

We do produce a great many bulletins but you don't have to have them all!

You can **unsubscribe to any of the bulletins** (</facilities/hsmc-library/current-awareness/Unsubscribe.aspx>) that are not relevant to you.

Register for these additional services

Electronic contents pages (</facilities/hsmc-library/current-awareness/electronic-journal-content-pages.aspx>): register your interest in a journal in your subject area and we will email you the table of contents every time a new issue is published.

Monthly database searches (</facilities/hsmc-library/current-awareness/monthly-database-searches.aspx>): databases such as Medline, Cinahl and Embase allow us to save a search, rerun it every month and receive an emailed report detailing new citations matching your search criteria.

Develop your research skills

We provide training sessions

For further information or to book a session **contact Rachel Posaner** (</facilities/hsmc-library/about/contact-us.aspx>)

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Library induction

- searching the catalogue
- managing your library account online
- our current awareness services
- library services available to you

Online resources

We have developed a collection of resources covering:

- Using the HSMC Library
- Literature searching

[Contact Rachel Posaner \(/facilities/hsmc-library/about/contact-us.aspx\)](#) for more information.

Answer any query

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions, we are very accessible!

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Phone us on: 0121 414 3672 or 0121 414 7060

Skype us at **[hsmclibrary \(http://www.skype.com/intl/en-gb/home\)](http://www.skype.com/intl/en-gb/home)**

[Give us some feedback about our service \(/facilities/hsmc-library/forms/feedback.aspx\)](#)

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You could help us to

Improve and develop the library service

Join our virtual Library Advisory Group and help shape our future.

Our group 'meets' virtually four times a year via email discussion. Topics up for discussion include, evaluating the library service, ensuring that we provide you with value for money and ensuring that we are meeting your information needs.

Would you like to join? [Contact Rachel Posaner \(/facilities/hsmc-library/about/contact-us.aspx\)](#) to sign up.

