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Irish Librarians supporting National Clinical Guidelines

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The National Clinical Effectiveness Committee was established by the Irish Minister for Health in 2010 with the Mission to:

**Prioritise**  
**Quality**  
**Assure**  
**Endorse**

Clinical Guidelines and Clinical Audit

Key Stakeholders and Participants

Librarian role in Clinical Guideline Path

**Stage 2: Develop - Search for clinical guidelines and research studies**

A new national group of librarians was set up in 2014 to support the literature review stage of Guideline Development:

- 14 Librarians in regional, hospital and academic libraries
- Online form for clinicians to request a literature search
- Centralised query allocation by region and topic
- Literature Search Protocol for consistency of standards

"The contribution of the Health Sciences Library Group to guideline development groups and the work of the NCEC has the potential to add significant value to the overall."

Kathleen McLellan, Director of Clinical Effectiveness

**FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

- Access to resources varies across institutions
- Possible centralised access to resources
- Potential for European Cooperation

Clinical Librarians supporting NCEC is a joint initiative in Ireland coordinated by the Health Science Libraries Group of the Library Association of Ireland and working with clinical and academic librarians in RCSI Library, HSE Library, DCU Library, TCD Library, University of Limerick, Milford Care Centre, LauraLynn Children’s Hospice Library, Mater Hospital Library, St John of God Hospital Library, St Patrick’s Hospital Cork, St Vincent’s University Hospital.