

Newsletter

March Edition

Research Project Support Meeting



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Fortnightly Research Drop-In sessions, hosted by Associate Medical Director for Research Jo Morrison, provide a friendly space for anyone planning or undertaking a research project. Join in person at the MPH Research Department or via Teams to discuss ideas, get advice, and learn from colleagues in a supportive community of practice. To join, contact Research.AMD@somersetft.nhs.uk.

Episode 6 out now!

This month, we're joined by Emily King, a Healthcare Scientist at Somerset FT, to shine a light on the vital role healthcare scientists play across the Trust. We talk about the wide range of specialties within the profession, the different routes into healthcare science, and some of the exciting research and innovation projects underway — all ahead of Healthcare Science Week.



Our Impact In Action Last Month

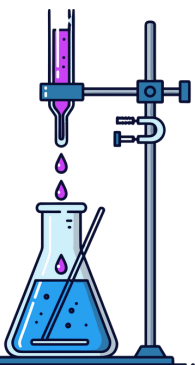
People we have trained: **88** Articles we have delivered: **87**

Books we have loaned: **375** Evidence searches completed: **15**

"I have enjoyed working with the knowledge and library service, and I know that I wouldn't have got through my master's without the skills I learnt from your team – I almost gave up halfway through! I am and always will be very grateful."

Interested in Healthcare Science?

If you're interested in learning more about healthcare scientists and the wide range of specialties within the profession, you can explore the [national NHS Healthcare Science](#) pages as well as the [Somerset FT Healthcare Science webpage](#). These resources offer an excellent overview of roles, training routes, and opportunities across the NHS.



Healthcare Scientists

Healthcare scientists are a key part of the NHS workforce, working across more than 50 specialties to support diagnosis, treatment, and innovation. From labs and imaging to medical engineering and research, they bring expert technical and analytical skills that help clinical teams deliver safe, accurate patient care. With multiple routes into the profession including apprenticeships, degrees, and scientific training programmes, healthcare science offers a varied and vital career at the heart of the NHS.

We have more than 22 streams of healthcare scientists at SFT, taking part in research, clinical practice, and the development of innovative technologies that support diagnosis, treatment, and patient care across the Trust.

Year of Reading 2026

2026 has been designated the Year of Reading, a national initiative celebrating the joy and wellbeing benefits of reading and encouraging people of all ages to discover (or rediscover!) the pleasure of books. Throughout the year, we'll be hosting a range of activities to help staff connect through reading, try something new, and share stories across our Somerset FT community.

Here's a sneak peek at some of the events and activities we're planning:

📖 Silent Book Club – 23 April

A calm, welcoming space to bring your current read, settle in, and enjoy some quiet shared reading time at lunch.

📖 Blind Date With a Book

We'll run more Blind Date events throughout the year after - keep an eye out for future dates!

🌞 Summer Reading Challenge – 22 June to 4 September

A relaxed, fun challenge for staff to set personal reading goals over the summer months.

Resource of the Month New Library Website

This month's Resource of the Month is our newly refreshed Library website! We've given it a clean, modern makeover to make everything clearer, easier to navigate, and more user-friendly — while keeping all your existing links exactly where you expect them. Take a look around and explore the new layout!

Click here to see our new look!



New books on our shelves



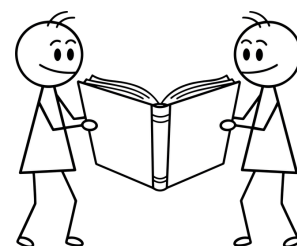
What are we reading?

This month we'd love to hear about you. What books are you reading? Do you have a favourite author? A new series you just discovered and would love to shout about?

[Click here to tell us about your best reads!](#)

We'll be creating a display in the library of your suggestions to share about stories have resonated with you.

We would like to curate a wide range of recs and reviews in any genre - fiction, non-fiction, poetry, travel books, cook books, translated books - anything goes!



To join BookEnds, please email the library to express your interest!

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