A quick guide to using Library Search

Library Search works a bit like Google and allows you to search for journal articles, books and e-books. It’s a quick and easy way to find information resources on a topic. This guide shows you how to carry out a search and apply filters to refine your search results. For further information on other Library Search features, please see our YouTube video tutorial or get in touch.

Step 1

Go to www.rcn.org.uk/library

In the centre of the screen is the Library Search box

Step 2

Type in a word or a phrase into Library Search and click on the spy glass to search

Search tips

You may wish to try the following when searching:

• Think of related words e.g. elderly or older
• Search using acronyms as well as full names e.g. NHS or National Health Service
Step 3

The search results are displayed in relevance order. Use the filters on the left hand side of the screen to:

- Select full text online material only
- Scholarly and peer reviewed
- Content type e.g. journal article or book/e-book
- Date of publication

![Use filters to refine search](image)

Access full text online

Step 4

On the right hand side of the results you can get help with referencing (e.g. Harvard) and e-mail relevant results to yourself.

![Use filters to refine search](image)