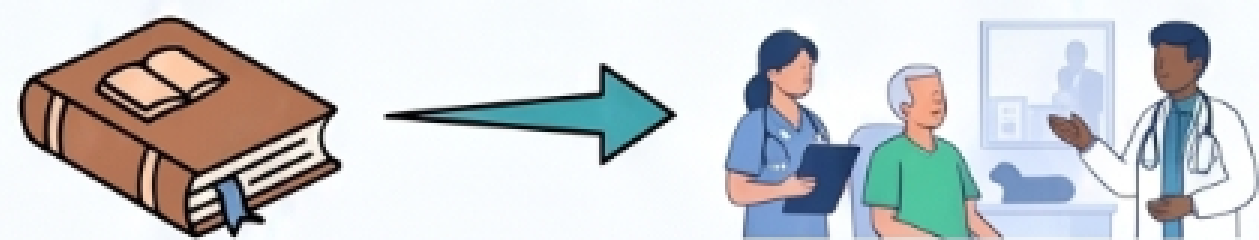


Embedding Knowledge Mobilisation into Evidence Review Request Forms: Expanding the Role of NHS Knowledge and Library Services

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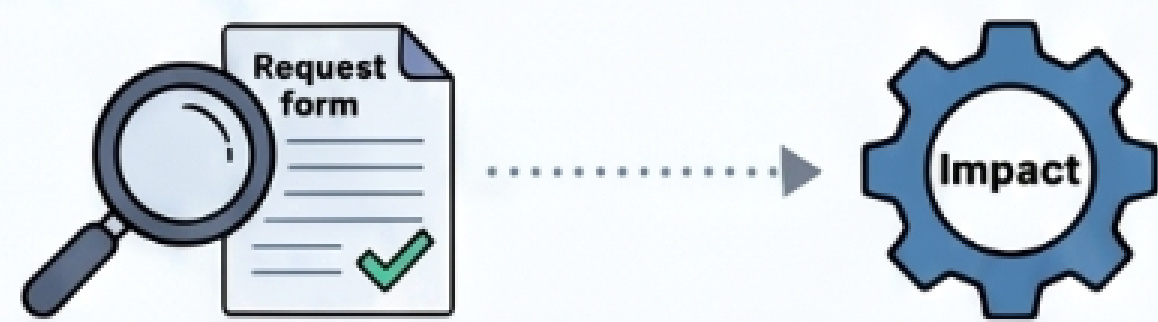
Background: The Evolution of Librarianship

Medical librarianship is shifting from simple evidence retrieval toward supporting the translation of research into practice, as recognised by the NIHR, NHS England, and NICE.

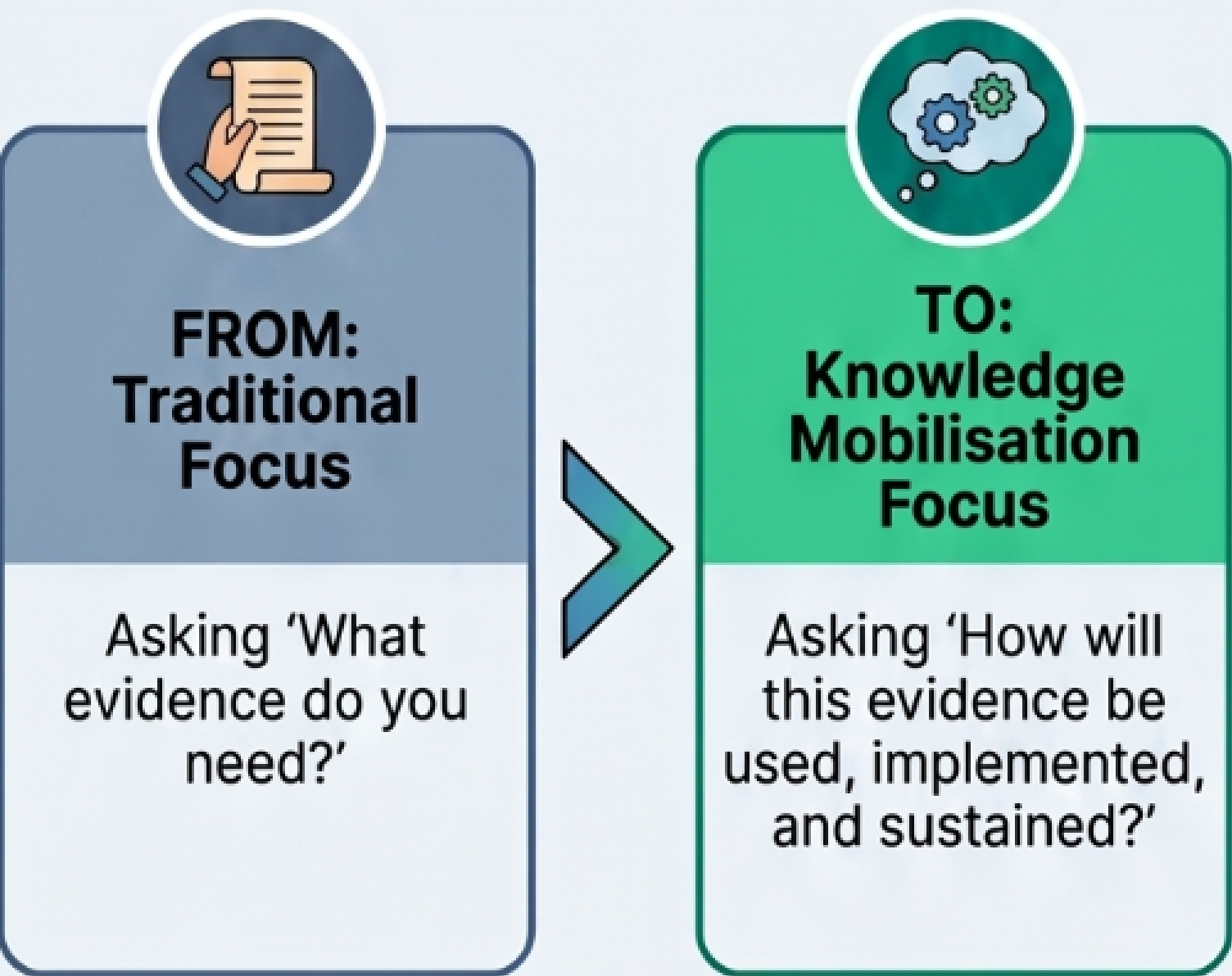


Aim: Enhancing Real-World Impact

The project seeks to introduce Knowledge Mobilisation (KnoMo) and Implementation Science (IS) questions into the University Hospitals Sussex (UHS KLS) evidence review request forms.



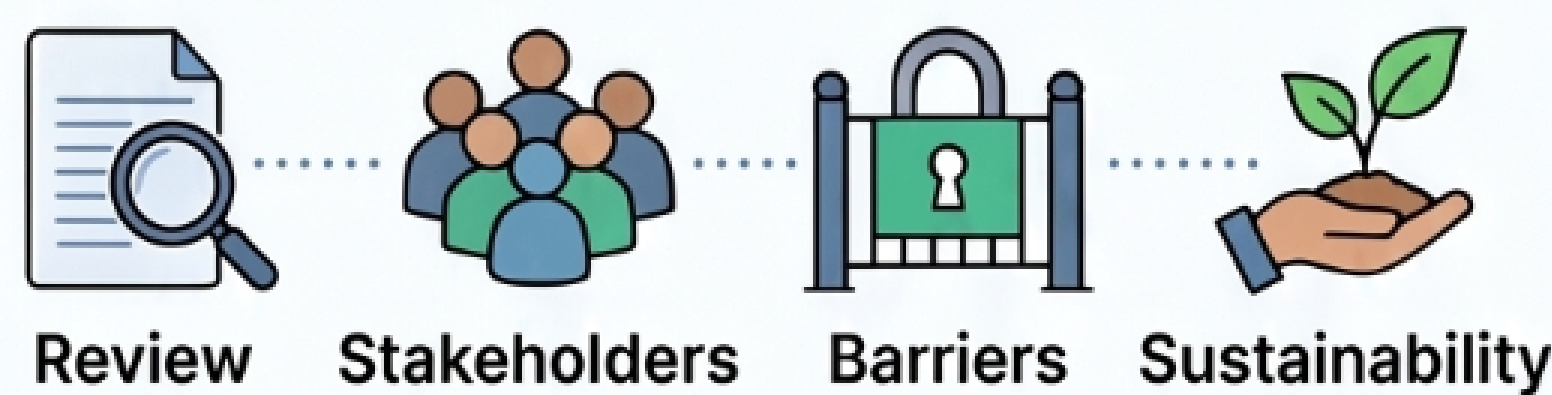
The Innovation: A Shift in Questioning



Moving from being information providers to active facilitators of evidence impact.

Methods: Developing the Framework

A review of national guidance and literature was conducted to identify key themes, including stakeholders, barriers, and long-term sustainability.



Conclusion: A Scalable Role

Embedding these questions offers a practical way to expand the health librarian's role, ensuring evidence has a measurable impact across healthcare organisations.



Key Findings: The New Framework



Question 1: Who will use the evidence?

Early engagement of stakeholders, patients, and clinicians improves the relevance and uptake of evidence throughout the journey.



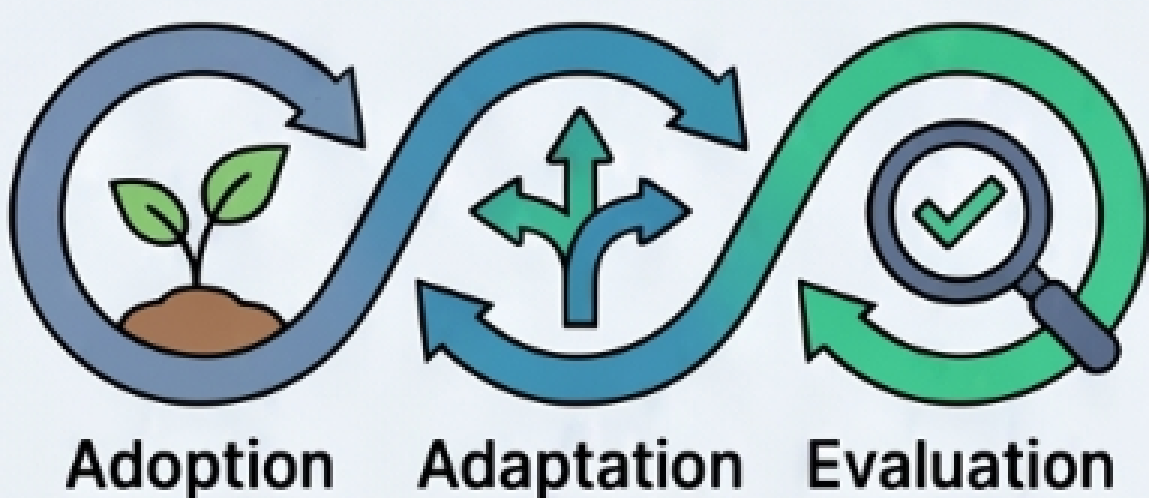
Question 2: What factors help or hinder?

Success is influenced by complex systems, including organisational culture, readiness, and available resources.



Question 3: How is it translated and sustained?

Planning for adoption, adaptation, and evaluation must begin at the project's inception, not after the evidence is gathered.



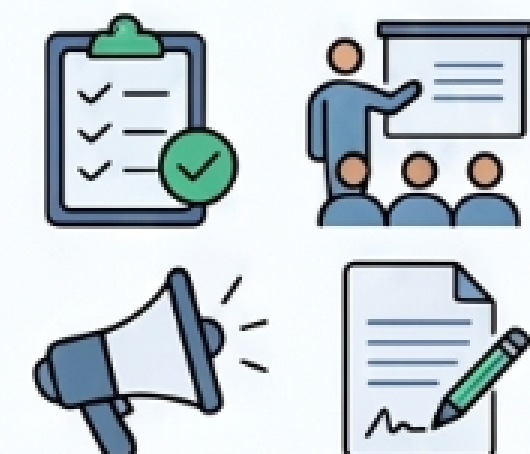
Why This Matters: Demonstrating Organisational Value

This approach aligns services with NiHR funding expectations, supports NICE implementation, and helps librarians develop new skills in knowledge management.



Next Steps: Implementation & Growth

The project will proceed with a pilot form, staff training in KnoMo/IS, outreach to Research & Innovation programmes, and evaluation via user feedback.



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