

Tool Kits for Evidence-Based Practice

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Why were the Tool Kits produced?

- To provide information about Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) in one place.
- To ensure frontline staff would have information at their fingertips.
- To save time (not sifting through lots of information).
- To collate relevant information about a specific area of care.
- To increase staff knowledge and confidence in EBP.
- To ensure that care is based on best evidence.

How the Tool Kits are produced

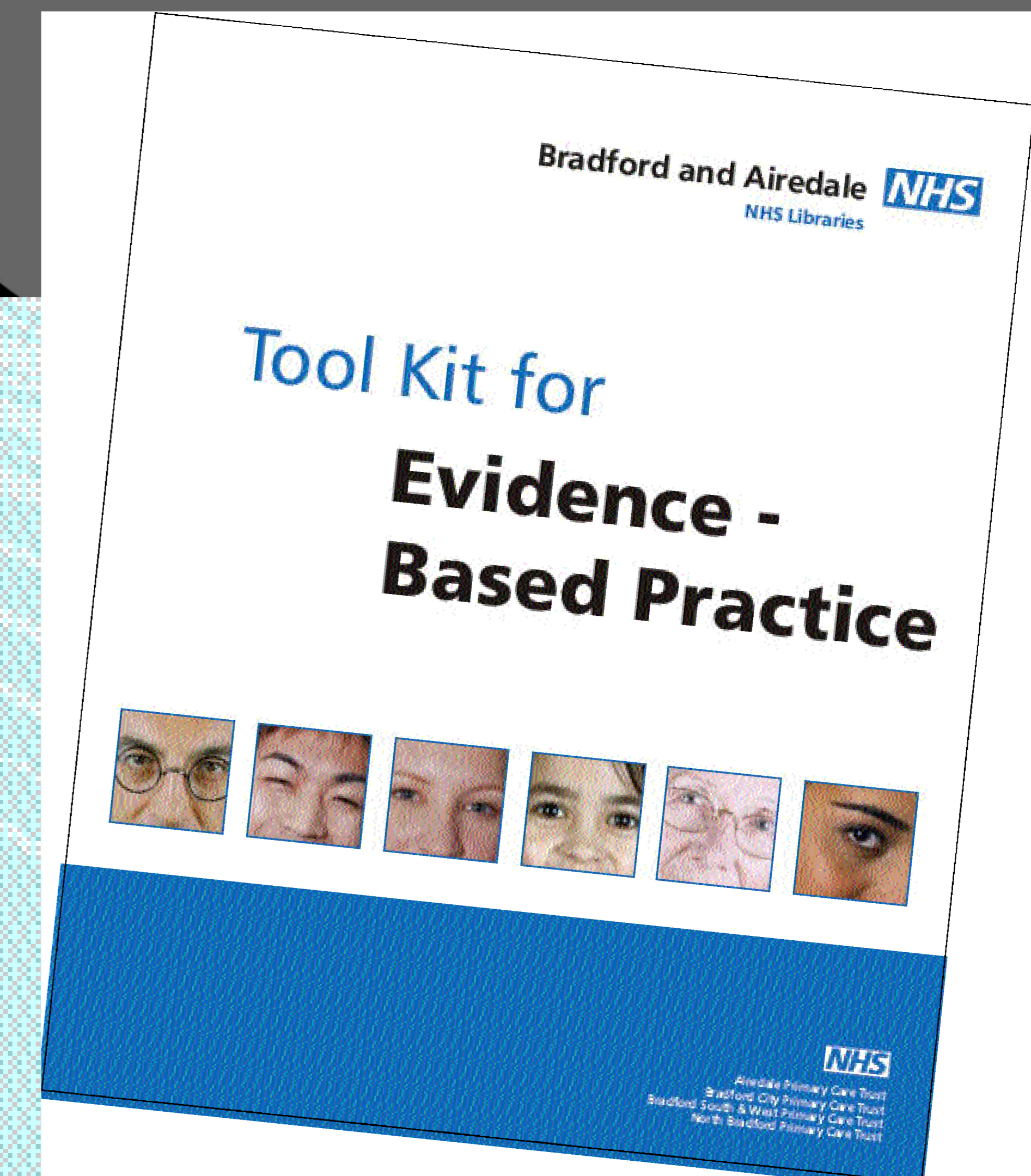
The Health Evidence Support Specialist worked with staff from Research & Development, Clinical Effectiveness and Libraries in each Trust to finalise the contents of the Tool Kit and to organise distribution and maintenance of the Tool Kits. Funding is provided mainly from the Local Implementation Strategy Information for Health.

Sustainability

- A Linkworker from each ward/practice is enlisted to keep the files up to date and to promote the Tool Kit within their area.
- Linkworkers are encouraged to promote the Tool Kits in their areas by using posters and mentioning them at meetings.
- The content of the Tool Kits is updated on a regular basis.

Transferability

- The Tool Kits were implemented district wide including two Acute Trusts, four Primary Care Trusts and the District Care Trust.
- Tool Kits were also given to further education colleges, universities and local hospices.
- The Tool Kits are multidisciplinary.
- The contents of the Tool Kit have been placed on the Bradford Health Informatics Service intranet.
- The contents of the Tool Kit are applicable to all NHS Trusts and also Social Services and private health providers, our local information can be substituted with the organisations' own information.



Evaluation

- Questionnaires were distributed when the Tool Kits were launched and repeated six months after implementation so we could measure their impact.
- The analysis of these questionnaires is ongoing.
- Feedback forms are placed in the Tool Kits.
- Linkworker meetings are held quarterly at one Trust, feedback about the Tool Kits is very positive, they have been welcomed as a useful resource.

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