

# Assessing the impact of a librarians' journal club

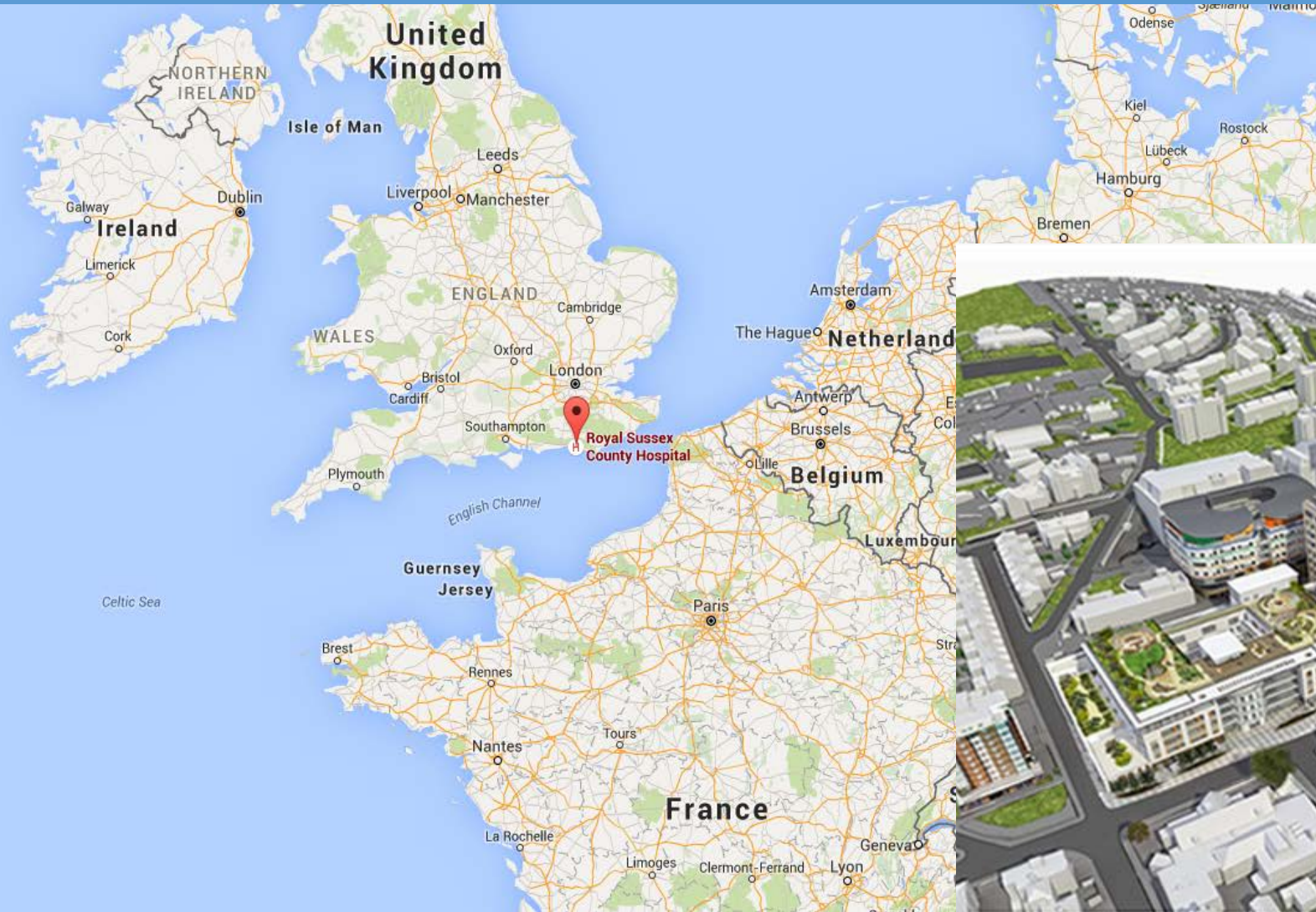
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# Where are we?



# What about the Journal Club?

**5 years**

**70 papers**

**37 meetings**

What did we want to find out?

**IMPACT**

# What about journal clubs for librarians?



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# What did we do?



Literature search

Journal analysis

Questionnaires

Interviews

# Results: Journal Analysis

<b>Journal title</b>	<b>Number of papers presented, 2011-2015</b>
<b>Health Information and Libraries Journal</b>	12
<b>Journal of Hospital Librarianship</b>	7
<b>Journal of the Medical Library Association</b>	7
<b>Medical Reference Services Quarterly</b>	4
<b>Library Management</b>	3

## Topics of papers

Searching	15
Information literacy	11
Systematic reviews	4
Patient information	4
Social media	3

# Results: Questionnaires - response



**81%**



# Results: Impact

**100%** - wanted whole team discussion

**86%** - for continuing personal development

**100%** - increased reading of research papers

**67%** – developed critical appraisal skills

**53%** - improved presentation skills

# Results: impact

**40%** influence decision making within the library

**53%** impact on library-wide practice

**53%** influence individual practice

# Results: Interviews



- Learn from peers
- Share knowledge
- Stimulus
- Methodological quality of professional literature

# What did we learn?

- Library staff read more published research
- Library staff adopt a more critical approach when reading research papers
- Some evidence of developing critical appraisal skills
- Doubts over quality of research in professional literature
- Journal club discussions highly valued
- Very little being put into practice

# Limitations



# What next?



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