



## Knowledge and Library Services (KLS)

### Impact stories

**Title:** a KLS evidence search identified national, regional and international cardiovascular disease (CVD) programmes; this was used to inform a proposal to procure a review of successfully implemented international CVD prevention programmes.

#### **User testimonial:**

*"We were able to use the KLS search to present what is happening in the literature for CVD prevention outside of the UK to key partners in the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and NHS England. The quality of this was particularly important for building relationships and displaying what our agency can provide in terms of support to future partnership working. We were then able to use this evidence to commission Solutions for Public Health to carry out the CVD international review. This resource will be imperative to developing future policies and interventions for CVD prevention and has already been crucially used for early drafts of the NHS Long Term Plan for the CVD work stream. Without the efficiency and high quality of the KLS team, we would have really struggled to provide this information in such a timely manner and ensured that it was ready and available for a key moment such as the NHS Long Term Plan"* **Dr. Allison Streetly, Deputy National Lead Population Healthcare Health Protection and Medical Directorate, PHE**

#### **Challenge:**

CVD affects around seven million people in the United Kingdom (UK) and is a significant cause of disability and death, affecting individuals, families and communities. CVD is responsible for one in four premature deaths in the UK. PHE needed to identify and critique a series of CVD prevention programmes that have been implemented outside the UK, and make recommendations for implementation of effective CVD prevention programmes in England.

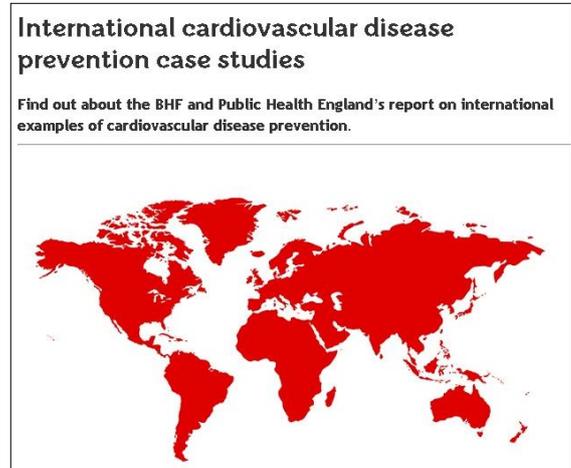
#### **Solution:**

KLS were asked to conduct a broad mapping search to identify programmes for CVD prevention. All national, regional or international cardiovascular disease programmes identified were entered into an Excel spreadsheet, under the relevant continent tab, and then broken down into individual countries, with programme name, start date, length of follow-up, URL link or citation and contact details. This work was then used to inform a proposal to procure a review of international case studies. The funding came from PHE (50%) and

British Heart Foundation (BHF) (50%), who commissioned Solutions for Public Health (SPH) to identify and describe CVD prevention programmes successfully implemented in countries outside the UK.

**Impact:**

A report has been published: [International Cardiovascular Disease Prevention case studies](#), SPH, October 2018. The work on CVD prevention programmes has also been shared with the global team as the themes are relevant as to how PHE can support countries (e.g. prosperity fund) on NCD advice. The report is being presented at the extended PHE senior leadership group where many topic leads from across the organisation meet. It is hoped that this will ensure that learning from outside the UK is considered when PHE reviews its approach to prevention. This includes considering how the primary prevention interventions impact on non-communicable diseases more generally.



**Success factors:**

The work carried out by the KLS team helped inform the initial stages of a co-commissioned review with the BHF. This has significantly supported with relationship building between PHE, BHF and NHS England. The efficiency provided has displayed our commitment to evidence based approached and reviewing this prior to providing policy advice.

**Lessons:**

The KLS are always very happy to support this type of work and should always be approached in the first instance.

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