



# Health Libraries Group at 75

## Past **present** and future

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## From past to present



## Global perspective

### LIBRARY MAP OF THE WORLD

Selected library performance metrics provide national level library data across all types of libraries in all regions of the world. Adjust map view settings to search by country and explore worldwide totals.



Number of  
Libraries



Libraries with  
Internet Access



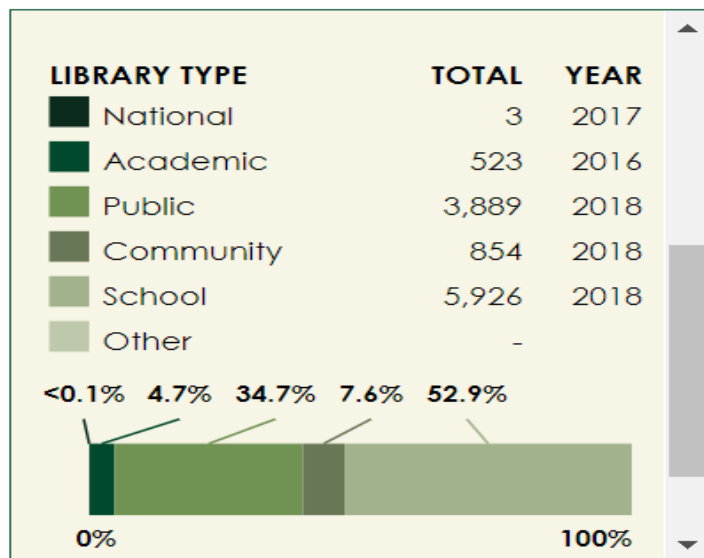
Full-Time Staff

**WORLDWIDE TOTALS +**

2.7 M

373,012

1.6 M



# Health libraries and information services

**HLISD**

Health Library & Information Services Directory

HEALTH LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES DIRECTORY

A comprehensive directory of health libraries and  
information services across the United Kingdom  
and the Republic of Ireland

🔍 library

Search

» More search options

# Range of sectors



National Health Service (NHS)



Health Service Executive (Republic of Ireland)



Public Health



Medical and health academic libraries



Royal Colleges



Voluntary sector



# Range of audiences



Healthcare  
staff and  
learners

Corporate  
decision  
makers

Policy makers

Researchers  
and  
academics

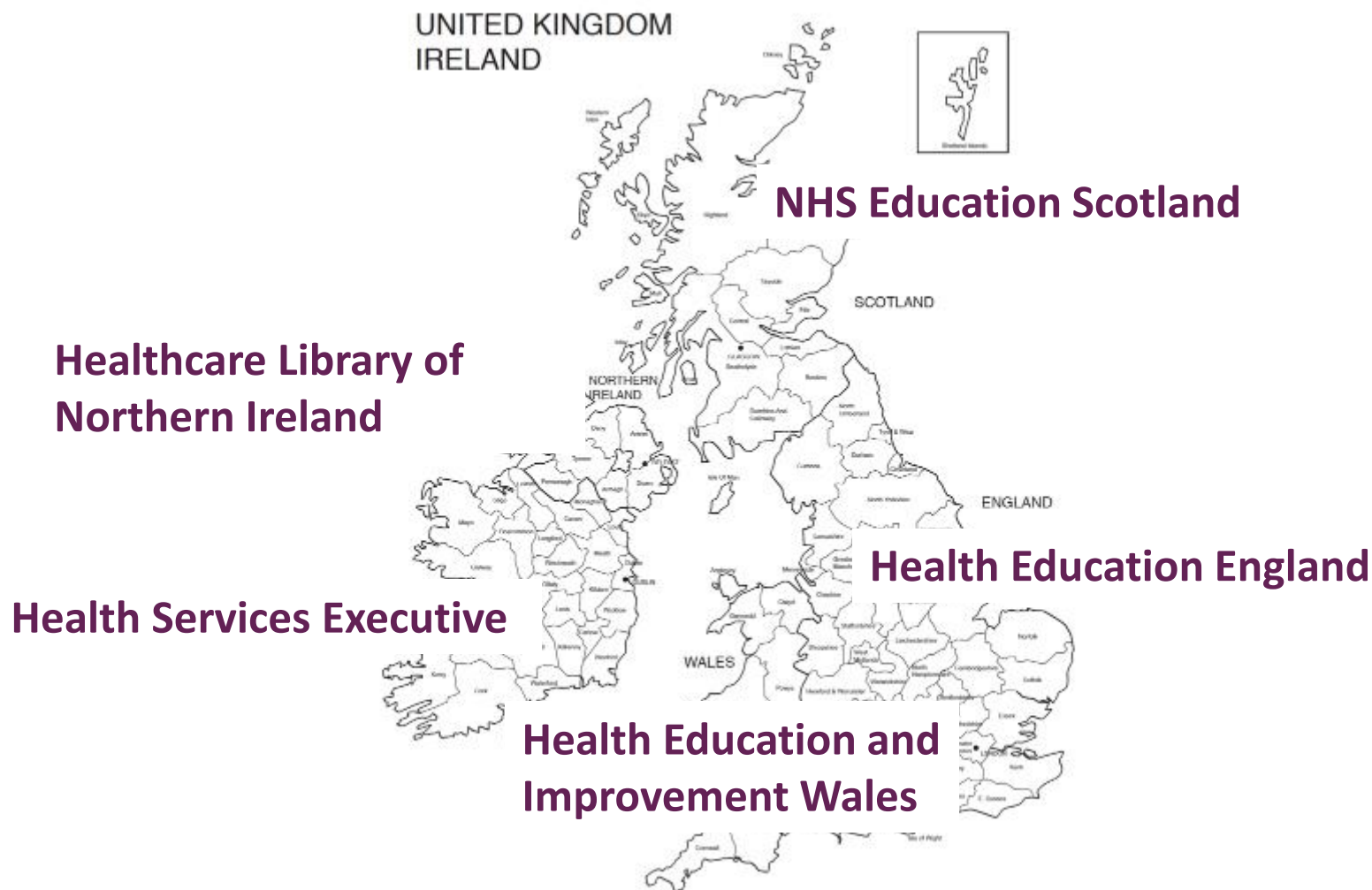
Specific  
professions

Patients,  
families and  
carers

# Policy underpinning activity



# Health library leads





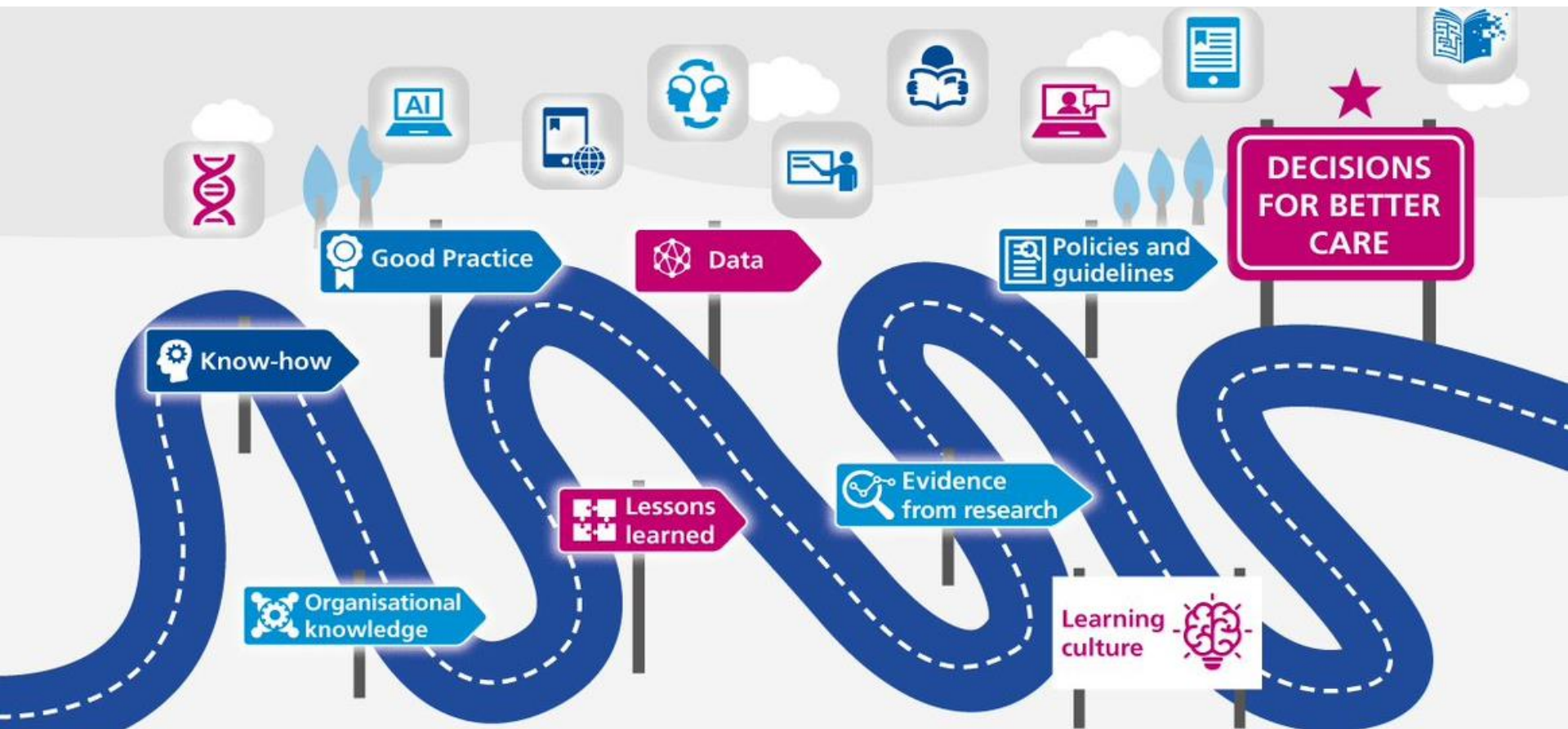
# Themes: embedded librarianship

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# Themes: knowledge mobilisation



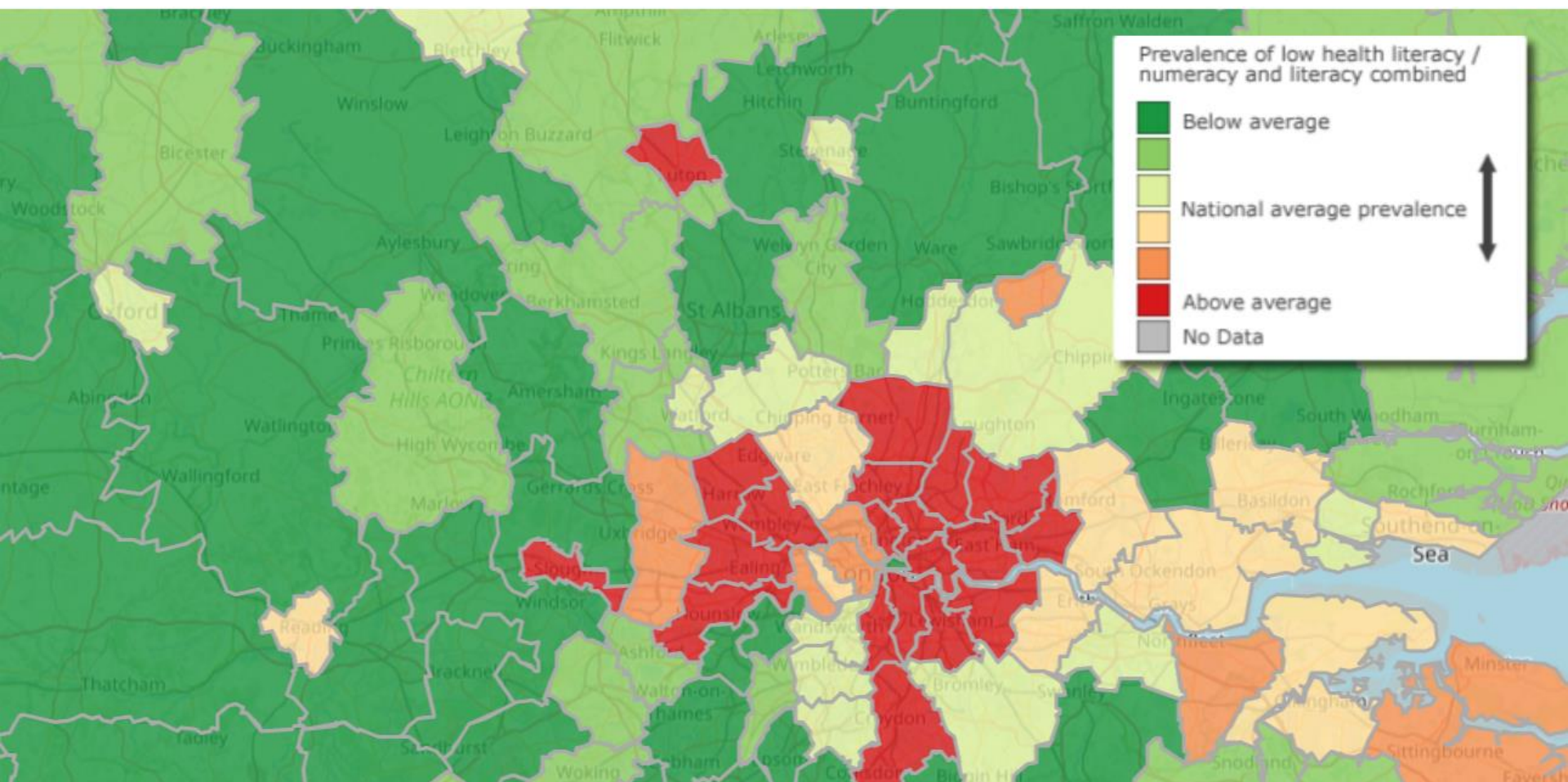
Based on Lambe, A. (2018) Knowledge Management Toolkit. Leeds: NHS England and NHS Improvement



# Themes: health literacy & patient info

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# Themes: digitisation and digital resources

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# Roles played by HLG

- Training and events
- Publications: *Health Information and Libraries Journal*, core collections, newsletters
- External liaison: international, policy
- Prizes and awards
- Marketing

All of which involve and support HLG members



# #AMillionDecisions

**Professor David Loughton CBE, Chief Executive**

*"Healthcare decisions and interventions should be based on the best, most up-to-date data and information, which is why the role of Library and Knowledge Services here at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust is so critical. By giving access to a wealth of resources, the service supports colleagues, so their work is reflective of the latest scientific evidence – meaning the care we provide is both safe and effective."*

*"And while the NHS is constantly evolving, with many changes occurring as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the role of the library team becomes all the more essential – providing quality information in a fast and changing landscape. Through their work, and the 'A Million Decisions' campaign, they arm our clinicians and managers with the skills and confidence to perform at a high standard. Thank you to the team for all they do."*



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