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Keeping up-to-date with occupational therapy and health and social care

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1. Search result alerts

The EBSCOHOST platform allows you to receive CINAHL and Medline search alerts. Emails or RSS notification are received whenever new search results/ journal articles become available on your topic of interest. You can specify frequency (weekly, monthly etc).


*You would need to be signed in to the RCOT website
to access this resource*

- a) From the RCOT website <https://www.rcot.co.uk/> sign in and navigate to the 'Search CINAHL and Medline' web page or click: <https://www.rcot.co.uk/practice-resources/library-resources/search-cinahl-and-medline>
- b) Once the page displays, select the link indicated in the screencast below


Search CINAHL and Medline

Search these databases to find journal article references to support and inform your occupational therapy practice, study and research.

Search CINAHL and Medline

- [Access these databases through the EBSCOHOST platform](#) 
Includes bibliographical references to articles and full text articles.
- Use the 'Linked Full Text' limiter to narrow to full text articles.
- For articles not showing as available full text, request these via the RCOT [Library Photocopying and Document Supply service](#) or contact your local hospital or university library.

Additional databases (including OT seeker, The Cochrane Library and PubMed)

 [Databases freely available through the internet \(including OT seeker, The Cochrane Library and PubMed\): \(PDF, 508.74KB\)](#)

Help guides and resources

- [EBSCOHOST YouTube video](#)
- [Information skills guides](#)

If you experience difficulties opening articles using the Internet Explorer browser, please retry the process using the Chrome browser.

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c) Select 'Continue' indicated in the screencast below

d) Complete your search, then select the 'share' button and choose 'E-mail alert' both indicated in the screencast below

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- e) Then choose 'sign in' to sign in to your EBSCOHOST account or create a new account to complete the process, selecting relevant options clicking 'save alert' when all choices have been made

Create Alert ?

Search Alert: "S1 AND S2 Linked Full Text; Published Date: 20210101-20211231; Peer Reviewed on 2021-04-21 06:01 AM"


E-mail (You must sign in to send e-mail alerts. [Sign In](#)) ←

General Settings

Frequency
Once a day ▾

Articles published within the last
One Year ▾

Results format
Brief ▾

 **RSS Feed**

<https://rss-ebSCOHOST-com.cot.idm.oclc.org/AlertSyndicationService/Syndication.aspx/GetFeed?guid=6731234>

Save Alert **Cancel Alert**

Save Alert and Create Another

The link below shows how to set up a search alert on EBSCOHOST
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQik-bA8YB0>

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2. Journal table of contents (TOCs) alerts

To keep up to date with new content published in journals, as each new journal issue is available, you can sign up to receive journal table of contents alerts at:

<http://www.journaltoocs.ac.uk/index.php?action=register>

- Read more about the Journal TOC service: https://www.journaltoocs.ac.uk/page_about.php
- Get help in setting up journal alerts and find out how to search for, select and receive alerts at: https://www.journaltoocs.ac.uk/page_help.php

3. Selected websites to browse

The following websites are a selection of those it can be helpful to browse to help you keep up-to-date with developments in occupational therapy, health and social care and related topics.

Browse the 'news', 'communications' or 'what's new' sections of relevant websites and also sign up for any email current awareness bulletins from relevant organisations.

Websites of key charities or organisations specific to areas of work often have media, news or press release sections on their websites e.g. Arthritis Research UK; Age UK

Website	URL
Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) You would need to be logged in to the RCOT website before accessing many of the RCOT resources listed	News https://www.rcot.co.uk/news 'Practice resources' section including: 'Policy and legislation' https://www.rcot.co.uk/practice-resources/policy-and-legislation 'Consultations' https://www.rcot.co.uk/practice-resources/policy-legislation/consultations/open Specialist sections https://www.rcot.co.uk/about-us/specialist-sections/about-specialist-sections OT News magazine https://www.rcot.co.uk/news/otnews selected feature articles from current and <i>previous year</i>
Conal (conference alerts) Register at Conference Alerts to be notified of forthcoming conferences via their free alerting service	https://conferencealerts.com/index
Department of Health & Social Care	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care
Department of Health, Northern Ireland	https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/

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Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC)	https://www.hcpc-uk.org/news-and-events/news/?Category=245
The Health Foundation	http://health.org.uk/news-and-comment
Health Service Journal	https://www.hsj.co.uk/
JISCMail (Electronic discussion lists). 'This is the national academic mailing list service aimed specifically at Higher Education and research communities'.	https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/
King's Fund	https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/press/press-releases https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/emails
National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)	https://www.nice.org.uk/news/nice-newsletters-and-alerts
Newspapers – many of these are fully or partially available online. Examples are shown to the right	Guardian https://www.theguardian.com/uk Independent https://www.independent.co.uk/ Telegraph https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/ Times https://www.thetimes.co.uk/
NHS England	https://www.england.nhs.uk/news/
Scottish Government	https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Health/News
Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)	https://www.scie.org.uk/news/
Welsh Government	https://gov.wales/health-social-care