



INDEX OF GREY LITERATURE AND ALTERNATIVE SOURCES AND RESOURCES

"Grey literature stands for manifold document types produced on all levels of government, academics, business and industry in print and electronic formats that are protected by intellectual property rights, of sufficient quality to be collected and preserved by libraries and institutional repositories, but not controlled by commercial publishers; i.e. where publishing is not the primary activity of the producing body."

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This list has been compiled to help librarians and researchers, particularly in Public Health, to find resources that fall into this category and flag up alternative sources for queries not easily resolved by the clinical / medical database model.

GREY LITERATURE	
<u>BASE</u>	(Bielefeld Academy Search Engine) Bielefeld University Library tool.100 million documents – open access repository.
<u>British Library</u>	Copyright Library. Main catalogue for millions of records for books, journals, newspapers, printed maps, scores, electronic resources, sound archive items etc. in the Library's collections.
<u>CADTH</u>	CADTH is an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for providing health care decision-makers with objective evidence to help make informed decisions about the optimal use of health technologies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• drugs• diagnostic tests• medical, dental, and surgical devices and procedures. In addition to evidence, they also provide advice, recommendations, and tools.

<u>CASH</u>	Current Awareness Service for Health
<u>COPAC</u>	Union catalogue of the major research libraries in the UK (including British Library and other copyright libraries).
<u>CORE</u>	Seamless access to millions of open access research papers
<u>ETHOS</u>	British Library - 400,000 doctoral theses.
<u>King's Fund</u>	Independent views on health and social care. Reports, blogs and more
<u>MedNar</u>	Mednar is a free, medically-focused <u>deep web search engine</u> that uses Explorit Everywhere, an advanced search technology by <u>Deep Web Technologies</u> . As <u>an alternative to Google</u> , Mednar accelerates your research with a search of authoritative public and deep web resources, returning the most relevant results to one easily navigable page
<u>NDLTD</u>	Theses and Dissertations 4,558,431 electronic theses and dissertations contained in the NDLTD archive.
<u>Nuffield Trust</u>	The Nuffield Trust is an independent health charity. Their aim is to improve the quality of health care in the UK by providing evidence-based research and policy analysis, and informing/generating debate.
<u>OAlster</u>	OAlster is a union catalogue of millions of records that represent open access resources, built through harvesting from collections worldwide. Includes more than 50 million records that represent digital resources from more than 2,000 contributors.
<u>OATD</u>	Open Access Theses and Dissertations. Advanced research and scholarship. Theses and dissertations, free to find, free to use.

<u>OPEN DOAR</u>	<i>OpenDOAR</i> is an authoritative directory of academic open access repositories.
<u>OpenGrey</u>	OpenGrey covers Science, Technology, Biomedical Science, Economics, Social Science and Humanities. Includes: Open access to 700.000 bibliographical references of grey literature (paper) produced in Europe, with the facility to export records and locate the documents. Examples of grey (gray) literature including technical or research reports, doctoral dissertations, some conference papers, some official publications, and other types of grey literature. The site includes preprints from the GL conferences (GreyNet International) in full text.
<u>PLOS</u>	Public Library of Science (PLOS) A non-profit Open Access publisher, innovator and advocacy organization with a mission to accelerate progress in science and medicine by leading a transformation in research communication.
<u>SCIE Online</u>	Social Care Institute for Excellence A leading improvement support agency and independent charity working with adult, family and children's care and support services across the UK. We also work closely with related services such as health care and housing.
<u>TRIPDatabase</u>	Trip is a clinical search engine, but as well as research evidence, it also provides a gateway to other content types, including images, videos, patient information leaflets, educational courses and news. (It is thought that access to the Pro version is being investigated for national funding)
<u>UKHF</u>	UK Health Forum - Prevention Information & Evidence eLibrary http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/prevention/pie/

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OFFICIAL SITES AND STATISTICS

[PHE](#)

Public Health England

Health and wellbeing resources / Health protection A to Z / PHE data and analysis tools /

Population screening programmes

[APHO – historical data](#)

Public Health Observatories

The Network of Public Health Observatories is now part of Public Health England.

Public Health Observatories (PHOs) produced information, data and intelligence on people's health and health care for practitioners, commissioners, policy makers and the wider community. Their expertise lay in turning information and data into meaningful health intelligence.

[ONS](#)

The Office for National Statistics

The UK's largest independent producer of official statistics and statistical bulletins, and the recognised national statistical institute of the UK.

[OFFSTATS](#)

The University of Auckland Library

This is a great starting point for locating official statistical sources by country, region or subject. All of the content in the database is assessed by humans for quality and authority, and is freely available.

[WHO](#)

Health statistics

This includes both empirical data and estimates related to health, such as mortality, morbidity, risk factors, health service coverage, and health systems.

[GOV.UK](#)

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[NATIONAL ARCHIVES](#)

Official archive and publisher for the UK government and guardians of over 1,000 years of iconic national documents. This is a non-ministerial government department which is a cultural, academic and heritage institution with expert advisers in information and records management.

[NICE](#)

The National Institute for Clinical Excellence
Pathways, guidance, standards and indicators, evidence and more.

SEARCH ENGINES – ALTERNATIVES TO GOOGLE

Top Tip

Use the site: command to focus your search on particular types of site, for example include site:ac.uk in your search for UK academic websites. Or use it to search inside large rambling sites with useless navigation, for example site:www.gov.uk. You can also use the –site: command to exclude individual sites or a type of site from your search. All of the major web search engines support the command. This also works with filetype:pdf or xls or ppt etc. to pull up document type of choice.

[BING](#)

Although more 'shopping' than research, Bing is developing and is reputedly better than Google for Maps* (ordnance survey section); corporate sites, for social science, sexual health, anthropology, psychology searches, and for going deeper into a site. The best way to test for your subject is to use [BINGITON](#) and compare results. Advanced search is the best option.

*For detailed directions try [Open Street Map](#)

[DuckDuckGo](#)

The search engine that doesn't track you. Allegedly a superior search experience with smarter answers, less clutter and real privacy.

[Dogpile](#)

A [metasearch engine](#) for information on the [World Wide Web](#) that fetches results from [Google](#), Yahoo! and [Yandex](#), and includes results from several other popular [search engines](#), including those from audio and video content providers.

[Carrotsearch](#)

Recommended for its clustering of results and also the visualisations of terms and concepts via the circles and “foam tree”. The Web Search uses eTools.ch for the general searches and there is also a PubMed option. (Possibly a subscription service for the most benefit, though there is some open source access).

[Millionshort](#)

MillionShort enables you to remove the most popular web sites from results. The page that best answers your question might not be well optimised for search engines or might cover a topic that is so specialised that it never makes it into the top results in Google or Bing.

Originally, as its name suggests, it removed the top 1 million but you can change the number that you want omitted. There are filters to the left of the results enabling you to remove or restrict your results to ecommerce sites, sites with or without advertising, live chat sites and location. The sites that have been excluded are listed to the right of the results.

[Wolfram Alpha](#)

This is very different from the typical search engine in that it uses its own curated data. Whether or not you get an answer from it depends on the type of question and how you ask the question. The information is pulled from its own databases and for many results it is almost impossible to identify the original source, although it does provide a possible list of resources. If you want to see what WolframAlpha can do, try out the examples and categories that are listed on the home page.

USEFUL LINKS

[Behind the Headlines NHS Choices](#)

Behind the headlines provides an unbiased and evidence-based analysis of health stories that make the news. It is a good source of information for confirming or

debunking the health/medical claims made by general news reporting services, including the BBC. For each “headline” it summarises in plain English the story, where it came from and who did the research, what kind of research it was, results, researcher’s interpretation, conclusions and whether the headline’s claims are justified.

SLIDESHARE

On LinkedIn SlideShare you can view and upload:

- Presentations
- Infographics
- Documents
- Videos

BBC Archive News

Information for external enquirers who want to use content in the BBC archives for research, educational or other commercial or non-commercial purposes.

Search is Back

Search within Face Book (people, groups etc.)

WAYBACK MACHINE

Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more (US)

Advanced Twitter Search

The best way to search Twitter - use the Advanced Search or click “More Options” on the results page. There is a detailed description of the commands and how they can be used [here](#)

FLICKR

Online photo management and sharing application / [creative commons images](#)

TINEYE

Reverse image search. Allows you to search the web, using an image - find matches of that image elsewhere online and trace copyright owner. Also includes MulticolorEngine to extract colour palettes from an image or a set of images.

