

# Project Brief – Knowledge Translation Databases

Many Cochrane Groups (Fields, Geographic Groups, CRGs and networks) carry out knowledge translation (KT) activities. However, there are no ‘official’ ways of sharing of this information across Groups.

Structured sharing of KT activities may promote greater collaboration between Groups running similar activities possibly reducing duplication of effort and maximising the benefits with using the work to support a larger audience than just the Group alone (where applicable). There are potentially two different types of information that could be collected and shared. These two are not mutually exclusive and could be run independently of each other.

- **Group level KT activity information** – providing information on KT activities completed by Cochrane Groups including programmes of work (such as series of Cochrane corners) and one-off project activities (such as supporting end users to be able to apply evidence in practice).
- **Review specific KT product information** – providing information on the Review specific KT products which have been developed for each Cochrane Review. In the future all the related KT products developed for a review could be linked directly from the Review in the Cochrane Library or on Cochrane.org.

Both types of databases increase our knowledge and understanding across Cochrane of the KT work that is being completed. As well as being a resource to Groups, it could also help the KT Department to better understand the KT needs and where to prioritise resources and investment in the future. However, in both cases, the databases are only of benefit if they are regularly updated, widely disseminated and used by those who they are intended for. Identifying the user needs is critical.

One of the barriers to sharing information is the lack of common terminology for knowledge translation activities within Cochrane. Without this, there will be misunderstandings when talking about KT work – with different terminology used for similar activities. During discussions at KT Advisory Group, Geographic Group and Field meetings in February 2021, the KTD have heard a desire to find ways to get a more systematic understanding of current KT activities across Cochrane.

**As a first step we propose holding an initial meeting with some Cochrane KT advisors and interested parties across the Cochrane Community to understand the needs of those who would use such a database and to decide on priorities and next steps**