**Project Title:** Scoping review of published evidence on how young people use online information for sexual development and health education  
**Code:** CHW1

| Host School / Institute: | Children's Hospital  
Westmead Clinical School | Address: Centre of Research Excellence in Adolescent Health, Wellbeing, Health & Youth, The Children's Hospital at Westmead |
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Certificates & Clearances required: Yes * Working with children clearance  
*Information on how to obtain certificates, where necessary, will be given to successful applicants.*

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**Project Type:** Literature Review  
**Project Category:** Adolescent medicine; Paediatrics/Child Health

Skills / Attributes of a successful student: The student should be able to conduct a library database search of peer-reviewed journals in order to collate current literature around sexual information seeking behaviour of young people. They will be able to prepare and write a literature review with purpose of identifying the gaps in the literature for future research. They will possess basic skills in MS Word and MS Excel. They will have an understanding of APA reference.

**Project Keywords:** Sexual Health; Sexual Development; Online Behaviour

**Project Description:** The digital age has given rise to access of many areas of sexual content online that can lead to influencing young people’s sexual development and health. It is the focus of this project to complete a scoping literature review of current scholarly publications, leading to an original scholarly publication in the area of sexual development and health, that will identify gaps in the following areas:

1. To determine the level of young Australians’ exposure to online pornography, and what they understand about the content relative to their understanding of social norms (i.e. sexting, online relationships and digital influence in sexual relationships).

2. To define the impact of online pornography on young Australians’ sexual knowledge and perceptions of sexual development.

This 8-week project will be supervised by researchers in the Centre of Research Excellence in Adolescent Medicine (The Wellbeing, Health & Youth Centre) as well as researchers in the Cyberpsychology Research Group in the Faculty of Medicine and Health. The outcome of this project will be authorship of a scholarly paper for publication and potential to work with yourtown: Kids Helpline in future research to best address youth experience with online sexual content that may benefit their healthy sexual development and education.