User Guides – Stage 1: What is an Evidence Score?

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Evidence of a need will come in different forms, and the platform provides a structured process for curating and evaluating it.

You are encouraged to add evidence throughout the different stages of the EBNLab process. Evidence comes in various forms; it might be an observation in practice, often the beginning of identifying a problem or reviewing the relevant academic or policy literature. It could be through primary research or a systematic literature review. It may relate to analysing the data you collect as part of day-to-day operations or something on the edge of practice. The tools and templates on EBNLearn can also be added as evidence.

All these insights have value; together, as you gather and layer insights, they help build a deeper understanding of a need and our confidence in it. The structured process developed by EBNLab asks a series of questions about each source of evidence. The platform asks you to identify.

- The source of the evidence
- The methods used to collect the evidence
- The scale or sample size
- The degree to which the evidence supports the needs statement

Based on these questions, the platform can assess the quality of the evidence and the degree to which it supports the needs statement. More evidence and more varied forms of evidence help triangulate the need and achieve a higher score. The evidence score is folded into the confidence to create the EBNScore.

Support on the collection and analysis of evidence to support needs is available from the EBNWorks team.