

Who can use NHS Open Athens?

- ALL South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust staff
- Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust staff.
- Students whilst on placement within either Trust.
- Everyone else check eligibility criteria at <http://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/evidence-services/journals-and-databases/openathens/openathens-eligibility>



To register

- Go to the **Journals & Databases** page on the NICE NHS Evidence web site at www.library.nhs.uk
- You need a valid NHS, university or professional e-mail address to register. You cannot use the same e-mail address for more than one account. **Registrations using invalid e-mail addresses will be rejected.**
- Note students on placement are only eligible to register with the organisation they are on placement with, so **you need to provide details of the NHS Trust & local base.**
- Some accounts require administrator approval for accessing NHS resources. See the instructions at this point for guidance.

Other local organisations

- GPs. Practice staff and CCG staff in South Staffordshire.
- Non-NHS healthcare provider organisations in Staffordshire
- Social care provider organisations in Staffordshire
- Other eligible staff in Staffordshire
- University Hospitals of North Midlands

Account activation

- **You will not be able to use your account until you have responded to the activation e-mail, and set up a password.**
- Your password has to be at least 8-20 characters long and contain at least one character as a letter and one as a number or symbol e.g. 1369adcj or mr%smith

Updating your details

- **Resetting Passwords:** There is a Forgotten Password function when you select Log In
- **Personal details:** Click on Open Athens Support & Information to change your password, update contact details etc. after logging in

Using NHS Open Athens

- **To find articles on a particular topic**
Search a Healthcare Database (HDAS) such as Medline, CINAHL, Embase, or PsycInfo to find journal articles on medicine, psychiatry, psychology, nursing & allied health. Many of the references found will include a link to the full text version of the article.
- **To find an article in a specific journal**
There is an A-Z list of all of the journals available. Check the date coverage to see if the year you want is covered.
- **To obtain an article that isn't in a journal on the A-Z list**
You can request articles through the library <http://bit.ly/1Xyazai>
- **What is the Hospital Premium Collection or PsycArticles?**
Collections of full text journals for Medicine in general or Psychology. Most articles could be found in an HDAS search.
- **BNF and BNF for Children- e-version and mobile apps**
www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/nice-apps-for-

[smartphones-and-tablets](#)

[You may need to use another OpenAthens resource on your mobile device first in order to validate your account]

- **How can I read an E-book?**

E-books can be found via the library catalogue – sssft.nhslibraries.com They can be read online, or downloaded to take with you from one day to a few weeks.

- **Alternative access**

You can also access OpenAthens authenticated resources by logging on at www.athens.nhs.uk

- **Why won't it accept my Athens login?**

The Athens system is used by many organisations to authenticate access to their subscriptions. Your login details will only work on websites/journals where NHS England or your employer has a subscription.

Should you require assistance, want further information, or require training on using any of the resources available with your Athens account, please contact your local library staff.

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Library and Knowledge Services

NHS OpenAthens leaflet

- How to register
- Updating your details
- What you can access through an NHS OpenAthens account
- BNF mobile applications
- All available at www.library.nhs.uk

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