University of Suffolk students in practice or on placement are eligible to register for an OpenAthens login to access NICE Healthcare Databases Advanced Search (HDAS). HDAS offers access to additional specialist collections not held at the university. However, as key resources such as British Nursing Database, Cinahl and Medline are also available at the university, it is not essential to sign up for the NHS collection.

The main advantage of HDAS is that it enables searching across multiple journals and databases using a single interface. Also these collections will still be available when you leave university and continue into practice.

HDAS collections include:

- AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine) 1985 – date
- British Nursing Index 1985 – to date
- CINAHL 1981 – to date
- Embase 1980 - date (useful for information on drugs and pharmacology)
- Health Business Elite (useful for health care administration and non-clinical aspects of health care management) 1922 - date
- Health Management Information Consortium (HMIC) (covers UK NHS health services management, policy, standards and social care) 1979 - date
- Medline 1950 – to date
- PsycINFO 1806 - to date
- PubMed

For more information about HDAS resources visit https://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/evidence-services/journals-and-databases

Registering for an OpenAthens login

To access HDAS you will require an OpenAthens login.

- Go to http://www.openathens.net/nhs_users.php and select the Self-register option.
- If you need help with registering, contact the librarian at your hospital library. Hospital librarians will also be able to provide training in the use of these resources - although basic search help can also be provided by the University of Suffolk Academic Liaison Librarian for nursing and health.

NICE Evidence Search https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/ is a quick and easy search tool to search for guidance, standards and policy documents and unlike the HDAS collections does not require a login.