NHS Healthcare Databases

University of Suffolk students in practice or on placement (and also UoS staff) are eligible to register for an **Open Athens login** to access NHS Healthcare Databases (HDAS) which offer access to additional specialist collections not held at UoS. However, as key resources such as British Nursing Index, Cinahl and Medline are already available via UoS, it is not essential to sign up for the NHS collection.

The main advantage of the NHS collection is that it continues to be available to students when they leave university and continue into practice. NHS 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)
- Health Management Information Consortium (HMIC) (covers UK NHS health services management, policy, standards and social care)
- Medline 1950 – to date
- PsycInfo 1806 - to date


**Registering for an Athens login**

To access NHS databases you will require an NHS Athens login.

- Go to [www.athens.nhs.uk](http://www.athens.nhs.uk) and select the **Self-register** option. UoS staff are eligible to register under criterion G “Individuals engaged to provide education, training or research for the NHS in England” which covers “Educators contracted to provide training to the NHS” which includes UoS.

- Contact the librarian at your hospital library for help with registering. Hospital librarians will also be able to provide training in the use of these resources.

- Librarians at the hospital libraries manage access to these resources and provide training although basic search help can also be provided by your UoS Academic Liaison Librarian.

**NHS Evidence Search** [https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/](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.