

NHS Library Charter for Students on Placement in NHS South Central

Your main library for the duration of your course is your university library, which will provide full services, including loans, inter-library loans, access to course reading materials and electronic resources, information skills training and use of all facilities. You will be able to access electronic resources remotely via the University or college website with the relevant username/password.

However, whilst you are on placement, you may also use your local NHS library!

To find your nearest NHS library, go to www.hlisd.org

The NHS libraries¹ will provide you with the following during your time on placement:

- Access during staffed open hours (for the main NHS libraries, this is usually a minimum of 9-5pm on weekdays)
- Loan and reference facilities (note that books that you borrow must always be returned to the library that lent them)
- Access to library computers (subject to you signing up to the conditions for obtaining a local NHS network password)
- Access to NHS electronic resources (you'll need an NHS Athens account: register at <https://register.athensams.net/nhs/nhseng>)
- Photocopying and printing (for which there may be a charge)
- Basic information about the library services and facilities available (an induction session may be organised for you, but if not, please ask)

They will refer you back to your university library for:

- Books and articles that need to be requested from other libraries
- Training in the use of electronic resources
- In depth enquiries, mediated literature searching and current awareness services

NHS libraries are managed by professional librarians and meet national quality standards. NHS library staff will endeavour to work with university librarians, supervisors and tutors to ensure that your needs are adequately met.

¹ Please note that the libraries at Southampton General Hospital and the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford are university libraries not NHS libraries, and different terms and conditions may apply.