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Welcome to [The Knowledge Network for health and social care](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/). This video will provide a short tour of the site to help you find your way around and show you the many services available to you.

The Knowledge Network is the digital library for health and social care staff in Scotland. It’s developed and maintained by the Knowledge Services team at NHS Education for Scotland

It provides access to a range of resources including

* Evidence summary services to support decisions at point of care
* Library resources such as eBooks, books, eJournals, guidelines and more
* Key medicines information resources
* Databases covering many health and social care topics
* Recent news and announcements, including current awareness bulletins
* Training opportunities to develop searching and information literacy skills
* Support to help you to use The Knowledge Network

The key to it all is an NHS Scotland OpenAthens account. NHS Scotland staff can use their work email to sign in and all other users can self-register. If you’re on NHSScotland premises, many resources are accessible without signing in.

The site is mobile optimised so you can access The Knowledge Network on any device, wherever you are.

## (Homepage)

Let’s start on the homepage:

* You can use the site search to look for material across the whole site.
* There is a register link where you can go to set up your OpenAthens if needed.
* And a link to the [Library Search](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-search/).

## (Homepage: Library Search)

At the top of the home page you will see the Library Search box which enables you to search across our catalogue of electronic resources including articles, journals and eBooks as well as physical print collections in NHS Scotland libraries.

Type your search terms into the search box on the homepage to start searching the catalogue.

## (Homepage: Evidence summaries)

Here we also provide quick access to key resources.

Evidence summaries provide access to summarised, quality assured evidence to support decision making at the point of care. Includes BMJ Best Practice, DynaMed and Clinical Key.

Select the ‘[Explore evidence summaries](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-resources/evidence-summaries/)’ button for more information and video guides to help you use these resources.

## (Homepage: Databases)

The ‘[Search databases](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-resources/databases/)’ button provides more information about databases - these provide subject-specific searchable collections of research literature, including journal articles and conference abstracts. Includes Medline, EMBASE, PsycInfo and ASSIA and many more.

Click ‘[Explore databases](https://nhs.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/dbsearch?vid=44NHSS_INST:44NHSS_VU1)’ and see the full range available under our subscriptions organised by category so you can filter for most relevant to you or use the search box if you know what you are looking for.

## Homepage: Medicines Information

The ‘[Find Medicines Information](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-resources/medicines-information/)’ section provides a curated list of commonly used resources to support the safe, effective and efficient use of medicines by providing evidence-based information on medicines and advice on their therapeutic use.

## (Homepage: how to use The Knowledge Network/Getting started)

Under ‘How to use The Knowledge Network’ you will find a link to the ‘[Get started](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/help-and-training/getting-started/)’ page. This is part of our Help and Training resources and is a good starting point to get the most out of The Knowledge Network especially if you are new to the site, are not sure what you want and need some introductory advice.

## (Homepage: Local Library services)

In the ‘[Local library services](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/help-and-training/local-library-services/)’ section you can find out the location of local NHS board library and knowledge eservices who can support you in your boards. These services provide print resources, study spaces, document delivery, and expertise from professional librarians. As well as literature searches, current awareness bulletins, and advice.

## (Homepage: Social care)

Next there is a link to a subject specialism for [Social care](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-resources/social-care/) staff. The Knowledge Network is completely integrated and available to social care and health staff. Here you will find social care databases, eJournals and eBooks, links to websites/other organisations which provide reliable sources of information to support practice and activities to support continuous professional learning.

## (Homepage: Keep your knowledge up to date)

Finally, there is help to keep your knowledge up to date with information on What’s new with services on The Knowledge Network, Current awareness bulletins produced by NHSScotland librarians across a wide range of topics, and featured resources.

Subscribe to our [Knowledge Nuggets newsletter](https://mailchi.mp/nes/nuggets) to receive monthly updates straight to your inbox with all your health and social care digital library news.

## (Top navigation: Library resources)

Return to the top navigation bar to find the [Library Resources page](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-resources/) which includes information on registration, access again to the main Library Search catalogue and links to the specific resources we saw on the home page as well.

This page also includes links to more evidence sources such as guidelines, legislation and systematic reviews.

If you are involved in any research or undertaking any writing you may be interested in using RefWorks an online tool that helps you manage your references and create bibliographies. Discover more about

RefWorks and reference management

Finally we have subject specialisms which take you to specific pages of curated resources for that subject area such as social care.

## (Top navigation: Help and Training)

Links to help and support are embedded throughout the site and you will also find this in the top navigation menu: [Help and training](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/help-and-training/).

Again there is a link to how to register, the get started pages and the local library services.

Three unique sections here are Information Skills, Training opportunities and Finding and using knowledge.

Information skills offers help with searching for the right information to meet your needs. This includes more detailed short videos and user guides showing you how to use the Library search.

There are many Training opportunities such as bookable online training and self-directed eLearning courses. You can also contact us to request support for courses and training you are delivering to health and/or social care staff. This may be a basic tour of The Knowledge Network, literature searching, critical appraisal or another topic. We are happy to discuss your requirements and support you to promote the service however we can.

The finding and using knowledge section takes you through to our pages on Turas Learn. these are more in-depth pages on how to search, sharing knowledge and information searching skills development. A great place to advance your skills with additional support and guidance.

Back on our help and training page, you will find our FAQs which you can check for an answer to your question.

## (Top navigation: News and updates)

Finally in the top navigation bar, we have the [News and Updates page](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/news-and-updates/). This reflects the links on the homepage to What’s New and Current Awareness and also includes our list of health campaigns with information and evidence to support these provided by our suppliers.

## (Contact us)

If you need help, don’t hesitate to [contact us](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/about/contact-us/) – the Knowledge Services help desk is available Mon-Fri by email or phone and can answer any queries you have about resources available via The Knowledge Network for health and social care.

We hope you have enjoyed this tour of The Knowledge Network for health and social care and feel confident enough to find and use the many free resources available to you.

# Links mentioned (Further information)

[The Knowledge Network](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk)

[Library Search](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-search/)

[Explore evidence summaries](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-resources/evidence-summaries/)

[Search databases](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-resources/databases/)

[Explore databases](https://nhs.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/dbsearch?vid=44NHSS_INST:44NHSS_VU1)

[Find Medicines Information](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-resources/medicines-information/)

[Get started](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/help-and-training/getting-started/)

[Local library services](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/help-and-training/local-library-services/)

[Social care](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-resources/social-care/) subject specialism

[Library Resources page](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/library-resources/)

[Help and training](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/help-and-training/)

[News and Updates page](https://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/news-and-updates/)

[Knowledge Nuggets mailing list](https://mailchi.mp/nes/nuggets)

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