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How do I join the library?

Call in to the library during our staffed hours and we will be happy to show you around and register you. You can also self register at: https://now.koha-ptfs.co.uk. Get in touch for more information.

Opening hours

Trust staff have 24/7 access - swipe in with your staff ID badge. Use the self-service kiosk to issue, return or renew books. PCs and study facilities are available.
Staffed library hours:
Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4:30pm
Unstaffed weekends and bank holidays.

> " The library services have supported me through my study, given me confidence and also helped me to find resources which support excellent patient care "

Training

The Library & Knowledge Service is here to support evidence-based decision making. We provide access to a wide range of quality information resources, and tailored support for staff, whatever role you are in. The library runs training, which can be arranged for 1:1 or small group sessions. Training can be conducted in the Library, on Teams, or in your place of work.

Advanced Evidence Searching

An in-depth look at how to conduct an evidence search

Covers: defining your research or clinical question; developing a search strategy; advanced searching skills; and exporting search results.

Useful for: anyone wanting to conduct a thorough evidence or literature search for a clinical audit, systematic review, or similar.

Overview of Online Library Resources

An introduction to the 'Evidence Portal' on the library website

Covers: NHS Athens; decision support tools; NICE Guidance; Cochrane and databases, including basic evidence searching.

Useful for: all Trust staff who want a basic overview of quality information resources.

Introduction to Critical Appraisal

How to read a paper

Covers: the evidence hierarchy; study types; peer review; and basic statistics.

Useful for: anyone who makes decisions based on research papers.

Study & Research Skills

A basic overview of useful skills and resources for coursework or research

Covers: defining an essay or research question; useful resources; doing a literature search; structuring your essay; and referencing.

Useful for: anyone returning to study after a break away from education, or starting a personal research project.

Basic IT Skills

Learn the basics or improve your skills & confidence in using a computer

Topics can include: Windows and file management; Word; PowerPoint; Email; and searching the internet.

Useful for: absolute beginners or those who would like a refresher.