

**Replies about access to databases for PH and CCG staff:**

**1. PH staff**

**From:** Stephanie Grey <Stephanie.Grey@phe.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 11 February 2021 15:28  
**To:** Abby Sabey <Abby.Sabey@uwe.ac.uk>  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL: RE: Quick question about database access

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Hi Abby,

Good to hear from you! And I was just thinking that I must get in touch with you to discuss working together to provide some training for LAPH (and related teams) on accessing and appraising evidence.

The short answer is that yes, PHE still provides journal access to local authorities, and is the OpenAthens administrator for people working in local authorities. With an OA account they can also access databases and journals that have been made available at a national level by Health Education England.

This link may provide some useful information:

<https://phelibrary.koha-ptfs.co.uk/laph/>

Hope that's helpful, let me know if you want any more info!

Kind regards,

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Also, in addition I forwarded the above email to a Glos CC contact – they decided to update their local information about this and this is what they subsequently sent me:

We decided simple was best regarding the PHE library information (and for my GCC colleagues to contact me if they have queries). Please see below. I had to be set up manually on OpenAthens, as my name was too long for the registration form email. You could maybe add the PHE library contact for queries? [libraries@phe.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@phe.gov.uk)

**Public Health England library services:**

PHE provide access to OpenAthens and some e-learning resources for Local Authority Public Health Teams. This page summarises support and the resources available from PHE:  
<https://phelibrary.koha-ptfs.co.uk/laph/>

**To register for OpenAthens**, go to <https://openathens.nice.org.uk/> and complete the registration form. Please select ***Public health staff in England*** as your organisation if you work for a local authority public health team..

## 2. Commissioning group staff

Reply from Jude Hancock, BNSSG:

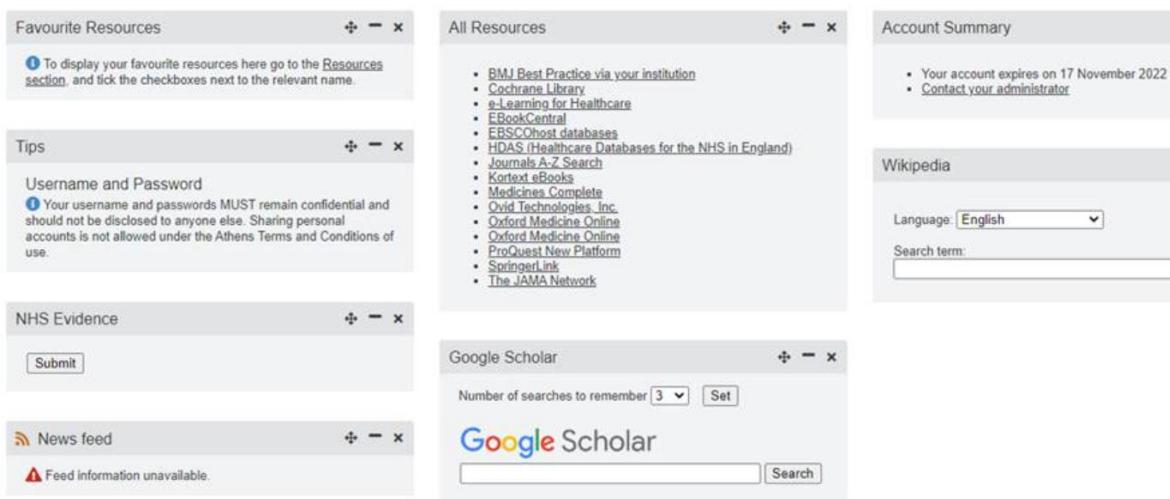
PAGE, Lauren (NHS BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE CCG) <lauren.page4@nhs.net>  
Thu 11/02/2021 10:09

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Hi Abby,

Thank you for your email. Jude has asked me to be in touch with you regarding your query, as I use Open Athens regularly.

Via my Open Athens login home page I can access a range of resources including HDAS, below is a screenshot of the ones I have access to:



One problem we do encounter is that we cannot always get access to full-texts of the citations returned by the searches.

I hope this is a good starting point for you, but please don't hesitate to be in touch if I can help further.

Best wishes,

**Lauren Page**

**Clinical Effectiveness Programme Officer**

We should include some advice about what to do about accessing full texts of citations returned by the searches. For example, they can get guest login to UWE library <https://www.uwe.ac.uk/study/library/using-the-library/visitor-access#internetaccess> – but it does say they have technical issues at the moment with offsite guest access!