

Library Service

Information for Visitors & External users

The Library is primarily a service for NHS staff, healthcare students on placement and the wider Somerset healthcare community.

Patients/visitors

Patients are welcome to use the library facilities during staffed hours: 8.00am-5.00 pm Monday to Friday. Patients are permitted to make reference use of books, read or photocopy journal articles and make use of the free WiFi and computer.

Private members

Non-NHS staff can register to join the library as a 'private' member. Please speak to library staff for more information.

Contact us

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FACILITIES

- Friendly staff
- 4000 books
- Print journals
- Region-wide catalogue
- Free WiFi
- Computer access
- Quiet study area
- Photocopying

How the Library Service can help

As a library service we can signpost you to a range of freely available quality health resources and information.

Useful resources

The following are a list of freely available health research resources

NHS Website <http://www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx>

Includes health, well-being and social care information and local services and support

Patient.co.uk <http://patient.info/>

Includes a professional section for guidelines

NHS evidence <https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/>

Searches NICE guidelines and many other quality-checked sources of healthcare information

Medlineplus <https://medlineplus.gov/>

The United States National Health website for patients and their families and friends

Medscape <http://www.medscape.com/>

Covers the latest medical news, expert perspectives, clinical trial coverage, drug updates, journal articles and more

Access to research <http://www.accesstoresearch.org.uk/>

Provides free access to over 15 million academic articles in participating public libraries across the UK. Start by viewing which articles and journals are available from home, and then find a participating library where you can view the full text

Patient Information Leaflet

A guide on how to safely search the internet when looking for good-quality health information

Public Libraries

Most public Libraries stock a selection of the 'Books on Prescription' titles from the Well-being and Dementia series. Public Libraries are also a portal for the 'Access to Research' initiative

Please note: we **cannot give advice** on any health conditions