

OpenAthens



How to register for OpenAthens,
activate your account,
create a password
and sign in for the first time.

Introduction

OpenAthens is a password system which began life in UK universities and has been adopted by the NHS to allow entitled people to access certain paid-for online resources from any internet-connected device. If you work for the NHS in England or are a student on placement within an NHS Trust organisation, you will definitely be eligible for an NHS OpenAthens password. Many others qualify, particularly if they are caring for NHS patients: A full eligibility list is available at: <http://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/evidence-services/journals-and-databases/openathens/openathens-eligibility>

The main resources you can get with your OpenAthens password are:

- Searchable literature databases for locating (primarily) journal articles.
- The full-text content of hundreds of healthcare journals

There are direct links to full-text articles from the databases when you do a search; and items which are in your local NHS Library (or Libraries) are also flagged up. If a full text copy of an article is not available through your OpenAthens password or in hardcopy within your local NHS Library, the Library staff should be able to obtain a copy for you via their Inter-Library Loan service.

For information and training on how to search the Healthcare Databases, please contact the Library staff who will be more than happy to help.

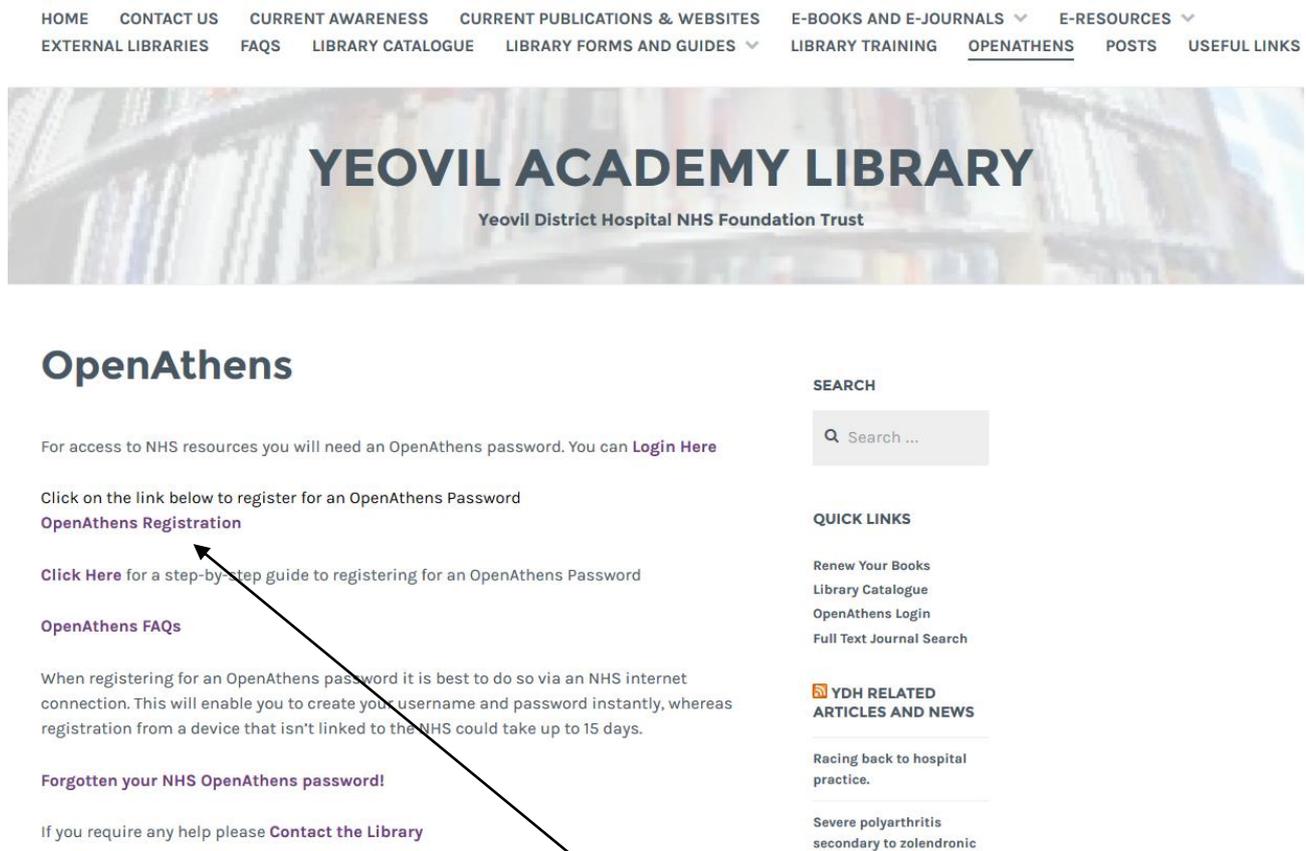
Registering:

When registering for an OpenAthens password it is best to do so via an NHS internet connection. This will enable you to create your username and password instantly, whereas registration from a device that isn't linked to the NHS could take up to 15 days.

Step One:

Go to the Yeovil Academy Library Blog:

<http://yeovilacademylibrary.com/athens-password/> following this link will take you to a screen that looks like the following:



The screenshot shows the top navigation menu of the Yeovil Academy Library website. The menu items are: HOME, CONTACT US, CURRENT AWARENESS, CURRENT PUBLICATIONS & WEBSITES, E-BOOKS AND E-JOURNALS, E-RESOURCES, EXTERNAL LIBRARIES, FAQs, LIBRARY CATALOGUE, LIBRARY FORMS AND GUIDES, LIBRARY TRAINING, OPENATHENS, POSTS, and USEFUL LINKS. Below the menu is a banner for 'YEOVIL ACADEMY LIBRARY' with the subtitle 'Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust'. The main content area is titled 'OpenAthens' and contains several sections: a paragraph about needing an OpenAthens password with a 'Login Here' link; a paragraph about registering for an OpenAthens Password with a link to 'OpenAthens Registration'; a paragraph about a step-by-step guide to registering for an OpenAthens Password with a 'Click Here' link; a section for 'OpenAthens FAQs'; a paragraph about registering via NHS internet connection; a section for 'Forgotten your NHS OpenAthens password!'; and a section for 'Contact the Library'. On the right side, there is a 'SEARCH' box, a 'QUICK LINKS' section with links to 'Renew Your Books', 'Library Catalogue', 'OpenAthens Login', and 'Full Text Journal Search', and a 'YDH RELATED ARTICLES AND NEWS' section with two article titles: 'Racing back to hospital practice.' and 'Severe polyarthritis secondary to zolendronic...'. A red arrow points from the 'OpenAthens Registration' link in the main content area to the red text at the bottom of the page.

Click on the 'OpenAthens Registration' link which can be found on the OpenAthens Page of the Blog

Step Two:

After clicking on the 'OpenAthens Registration' link you will be taken to the screen below.



Register for a NHS England OpenAthens account Already have an account? [Login](#)

Please note that you need to activate your account before you can use it. Please read the information on the page you'll see after you have submitted this form, and check your inbox for your activation email.

[Help me to complete this form](#) [More Information](#)

Please enter your name

First name	Last name
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Please enter your professional / work / student placement email address

Please enter your organisation

Full work / placement address

Work telephone number

Please enter the name of your department, ward, GP practice or clinic

Position / job title

This registration page can only be used to create OpenAthens accounts for NHS England users. Users from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland should access the relevant service using the links below:

- Scotland - <https://www.athensregistration.scot.nhs.uk/>
- Wales - <https://register.openathens.net/wales.nhs.uk/register>
- Northern Ireland - <http://www.honni.qub.ac.uk/>

If we do not recognise your email address or the location of where you are registering from, you will not automatically be eligible to access online resources. An OpenAthens administrator will assess your details and decide whether you meet the eligibility criteria. You should if possible:

- Enter a work email address
- Register from your place of work

If you cannot find the name of your organisation you should try one from the following list and include your region or area of England.

- GPs and practice staff
- CCG staff

You can then begin filling out the registration form. If you have any problems completing the registration form, please contact either your local NHS Library or your local OpenAthens administrator, which can be found by clicking on 'more information'.

NB: The email address you are asked to provide does not have to be an NHS one but you will need access to it in order to complete the registration process so please chose a current one.

To find your organisation simply start typing in the first few letters of the organisations name e.g. 'yeo' will find Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, which will then appear in a drop down box.

Please enter your organisation

Full **Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**

YDH (**Yeovil**)

You may find it helpful to include your region or county to find your organisation

Work

Step Three:

After you have found your organisation you can start to fill in your personal and professional details.

Please enter your organisation

Full work address

Work telephone number

Please enter the name of your department, ward, GP practice or clinic

Position / job title

Job role

Position duration Permanent Temporary

- I have read and accept the [terms and conditions](#) and [privacy notice](#)
- I agree to be contacted occasionally by NICE for surveys and research to improve NICE products

Register

Once you have filled in your details and ticked to say that you have read and accepted the terms and conditions and the privacy notice, you are able to register.

After you have submitted your registration form you will be given a username which you will need (along with the password that you will create later) in order to login.

If you struggle to remember your username you can use the email address that you registered with to login instead.

Step Four:

You now need to look in your emails for a message from OpenAthens. Although the email should be sent through straight away there can sometimes be a bit of a delay. So don't worry if it doesn't appear in your emails instantly.

The email will be sent from 'Eduserv Athens' and the subject will be "NHS OpenAthens account created – activation required"

You will need to use the activation link that is contained within the email to create your password.

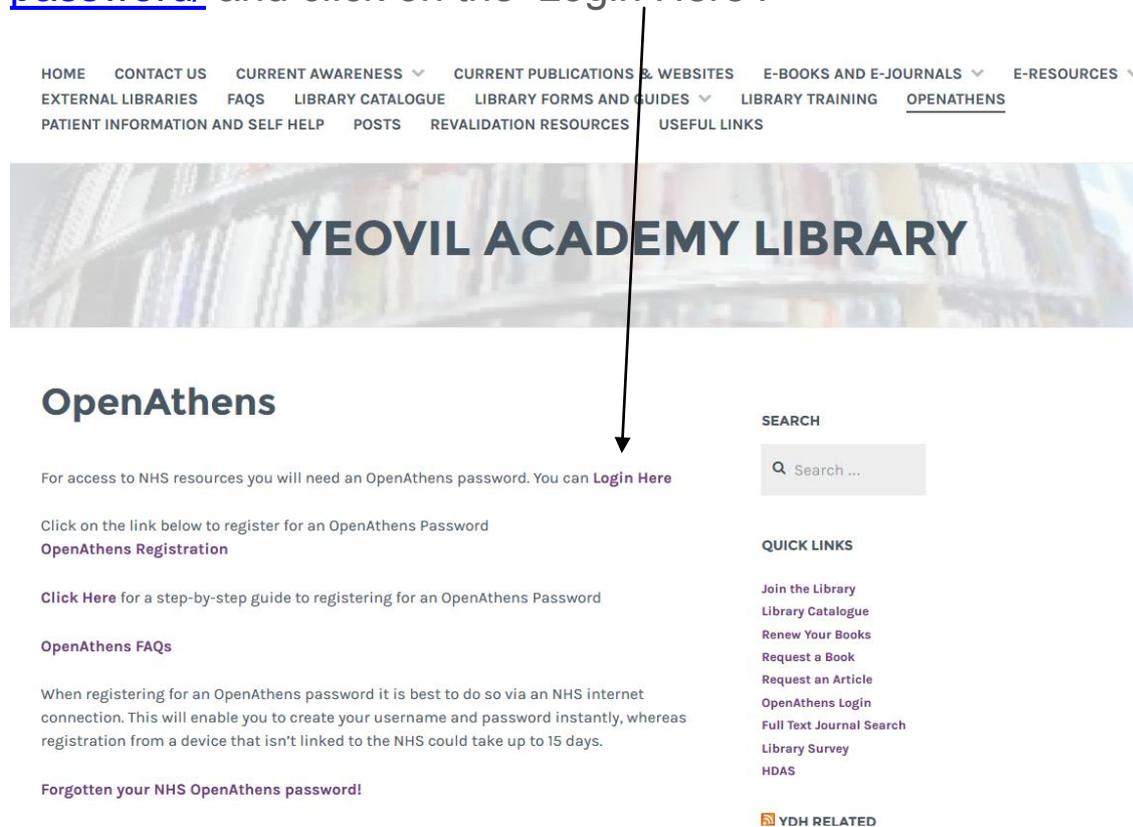
Once you have clicked the link, a screen will appear which will allow you to create your password. It is important to make sure that your password contains 8-20 characters, upper and lower case letters as well as numbers that don't follow a sequence.

Step Five:

Once you have submitted your password and it has met the criteria, your account will be activated.

Using Your Password In Future

When you want to use your NHS OpenAthens password in the future, you can go to <http://yeovilacademylibrary.com/athens-password/> and click on the 'Login Here'.



HOME CONTACT US CURRENT AWARENESS ▾ CURRENT PUBLICATIONS & WEBSITES E-BOOKS AND E-JOURNALS ▾ E-RESOURCES ▾
EXTERNAL LIBRARIES FAQs LIBRARY CATALOGUE LIBRARY FORMS AND GUIDES ▾ LIBRARY TRAINING OPENATHENS
PATIENT INFORMATION AND SELF HELP POSTS REVALIDATION RESOURCES USEFUL LINKS

YEOVIL ACADEMY LIBRARY

OpenAthens

For access to NHS resources you will need an OpenAthens password. You can [Login Here](#)

Click on the link below to register for an OpenAthens Password
[OpenAthens Registration](#)

[Click Here](#) for a step-by-step guide to registering for an OpenAthens Password

[OpenAthens FAQs](#)

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[Forgotten your NHS OpenAthens password!](#)

SEARCH
Q Search ...

QUICK LINKS

- Join the Library
- Library Catalogue
- Renew Your Books
- Request a Book
- Request an Article
- OpenAthens Login
- Full Text Journal Search
- Library Survey
- HDAS

YDH RELATED

The screen below will follow and you can enter your username or email address and password to login.

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

 OpenAthens

Don't have an account? [Register](#)

Login

Email Address / Username

Password

[Login](#) [Forgot Password?](#)

NB: If you have forgotten your password, simply press the 'Forgot Password?' button and enter the email address you registered with when requested and you should receive an email with a link to reset your password.

Once you have logged in you will be redirected to 'My OpenAthens Account'.

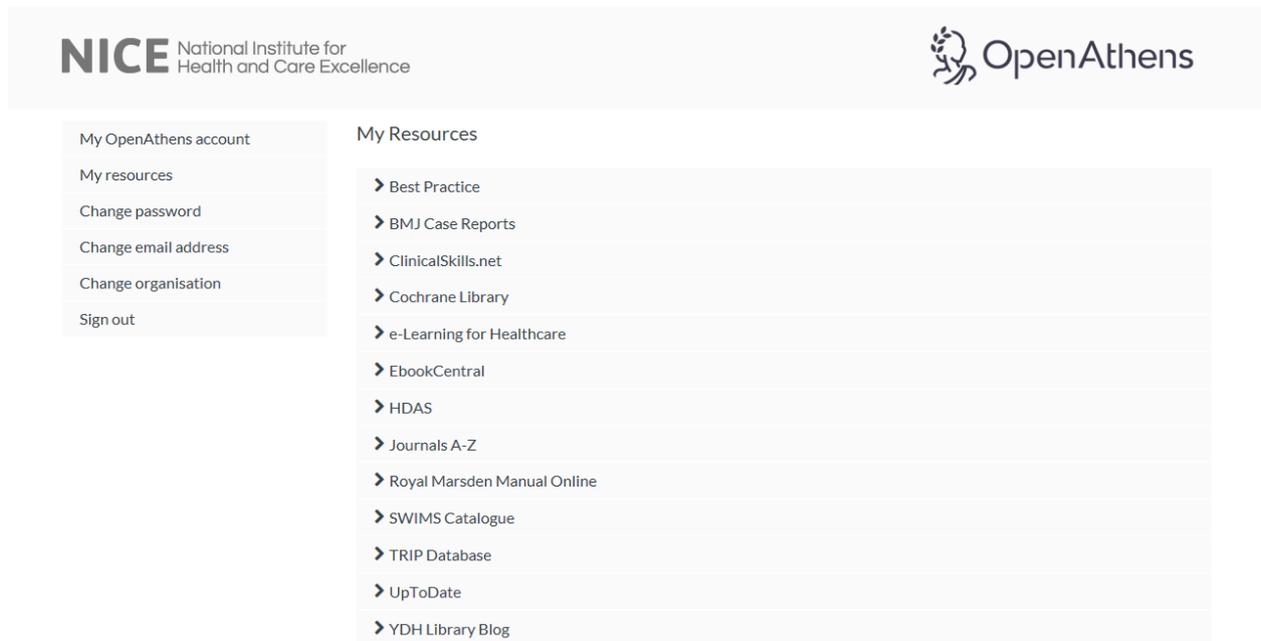
From this screen you will be able to check that the contact details you gave when you registered are correct. You can also change your organisation, email address and password from this screen.

My OpenAthens account	My account	
My resources	Logged in as	Example Example
Change password	Username	nhseexample002
Change email address	Access rights expiry	14/07/2015
Change organisation	Login with email address	Enabled
Sign out	Personal Information	
	Forename	Example
	Surname	Example
	Position	Admin & Managers
	Email	Example@nhs.net
	Organisation	Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (5762755) Edit
	My Administrator	
	Name	Athens Administrator
	Email	athens.sdhct@nhs.net



There is a link so that you can contact your local OpenAthens Administrator if you have any queries about your account.

The resources that are available through your OpenAthens account can be found under the 'My resources' tab on the left hand side of the page.



The screenshot shows the NICE OpenAthens interface. At the top left is the NICE logo (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) and at the top right is the OpenAthens logo. Below the logos, there are two main sections: 'My OpenAthens account' and 'My Resources'.

My OpenAthens account

- My resources
- Change password
- Change email address
- Change organisation
- Sign out

My Resources

- › Best Practice
- › BMJ Case Reports
- › ClinicalSkills.net
- › Cochrane Library
- › e-Learning for Healthcare
- › EbookCentral
- › HDAS
- › Journals A-Z
- › Royal Marsden Manual Online
- › SWIMS Catalogue
- › TRIP Database
- › UpToDate
- › YDH Library Blog

From this screen you are able to select and be redirected to the resources you require.

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Yeovil
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Monday to Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

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