

Library & Knowledge Services

Supporting healthcare education and research

Handbook



NHS
East Kent
Hospitals University
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Knowledge and Library Services

Your Library Service

Library and Knowledge Services are here to support all healthcare staff and students by providing the best evidence, information, and resources to support clinical decision making, research, and lifelong development.

We are open to all staff and students within the Trust, as well as other local NHS Trusts and organisations. We have an Education Library at each of the three acute hospitals: Canterbury, Ashford, and Margate.

Opening hours

Our Education Libraries are staffed:

Monday - Friday, 09.00 - 17.00

24-Hour Access is available — ask at your site library and we will program your SmartCard to enable access to the Libraries.

How to join

To join, you will need to complete our online membership form here: tinyurl.com/ekhuft-lks-reg. Membership is free to all staff and students within the following organisations and institutions:

- East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT)
- Students on placement at EKHUFT
- Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership (KMPT)
- Kent Community Health NHS Trust (KCHT)
- South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAMB)
- Clinical Commissioning Group staff in East Kent
- GPs in East Kent and their staff
- Pilgrim's Hospices

(Please note that access with an OpenAthens account to our online resources is only available for staff and students employed by East Kent Hospitals Trust. We can however still supply you with requested content from our resources, if you work for another organisation.)

Patient access

Patients are welcome to come in to the Libraries as well - we can help you access general information on conditions, and advise you on relevant books for use within the library.

Catalogue and Library Account

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing your Library account User ID and PIN. Use this to log in to your account to manage your book loans, and search our catalogue for books and journals.

» kss.koha-ptfs.co.uk

OpenAthens accounts

To access the majority of the online resources we have access to, you will need to sign up for a free OpenAthens account. This is a single-sign-on account that grants secure access to our journals, ebooks, and evidence databases. You can register for an account here:

» www.openathens.nice.org.uk

Please note that locally-funded resources may vary depending on which NHS organisation you belong to. Log in to your account at www.openathens.nice.org.uk/auth/login to see a full list of resources available to you.

Library facilities

Each library has open computer access, printing, scanning, and photocopying facilities, free WiFi, and quiet study areas.

We have open access PCs at each library. Log in with your EKHUFT Active Directory account or SmartCard. If you are not an EKHUFT staff member, there is an option to log in automatically for basic internet and Word access. Please ask in your library for more details.

- Staff can print, photocopy, and scan to email using the Trust-wide SafeCom system.
- Each library has access to the free Trust-wide WiFi network, as follows:

Network ID: EK-Hospital-Free-Internet

Password: hospital

- There are areas designated for quiet study at each library.

Books

All three libraries hold an extensive range of books covering medicine, nursing, education, management, science, and other healthcare related areas.

Your membership works across all three libraries, so you can borrow and request books from other sites. In addition to this, you can also request books from our wider regional network of healthcare libraries across Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.

Book loans

- You can borrow up to 10 books at a time.
- Books can be borrowed for 28 days.
- Books are automatically renewed twice. If you need a third renewal, please get in touch with library staff.
- We do not charge late fees for overdue books.
- You can borrow books outside of our staffed hours by filling in details using the Self Checkout Form at the library desk.
- Books can be returned to any of the three libraries, either in person, via our Book Return Boxes at each library, or via internal post.

All books are the responsibility of the borrower, and the cost of replacement, plus a £10 administration fee, will be charged in the event of loss, damage, or non-return after a period of six months of inactivity after the due date.

Inter-library loans

If we do not hold a particular book you are looking for, let us know and we can usually get hold of it from another library in our network for you to borrow. You can also fill out a blue Book Request card found at your Library's front desk.

Ebooks

We also have access to hundreds of healthcare ebooks online. These are free to view online, and some books feature the option to download chapters as PDFs. Search our catalogue:

» kss.koha-ptfs.co.uk

You will need an OpenAthens account in order to access these books (see page 2).

Evidence and information online

The best way to look for research, evidence, guidelines, and articles is on the **Knowledge and Library Hub**:

» library.nhs.uk/knowledgehub

Search results will show whether you have access to the article or resource, and the relevant website links will be displayed with it. If it forms part of our access subscriptions, you will be prompted to enter your OpenAthens credentials.

Search for journals by specialty

Alternatively, you can search for a particular journal or browse journals by specialty, by going to our BrowZine platform. This will show you every journal that you have access to:

» browzine.com/libraries/2729

Requesting an article

If you cannot gain access to a journal to read an article, let us know and we can usually get hold of it from another library in our network for you. Email, call, or ask in your library with the article references to hand.

Journals in print

The Education Library at Kent and Canterbury Hospital holds a journal print archive. Results on our catalogue will show whether we hold it in print; however, the vast majority of our journal access is online.

Articles can be photocopied and scanned to email, but journals cannot be issued on loan, and are reserved for reference use only within the libraries.

Copyright notice

You should be aware of your legal copyright responsibilities when using a photocopier, scanner, or downloading articles from the internet. Copies may only be used for research and private study, and for non-commercial use.

There are notices beside our photocopiers which provide more information on copyright restrictions. If you have any questions regarding copyright, please ask library staff.

All resources

All the resources that we currently subscribe to, as well as some key national resources, are as follows:

- **ClinicalKey** | » [clinicalkey.com](https://www.clinicalkey.com)
Search trusted medical and surgical content from Elsevier, including full-text journals and ebooks, guidelines, videos, images and drug monographs.
- **ClinicalKey for Nursing** | » [clinicalkey.com/nursing](https://www.clinicalkey.com/nursing)
Search trusted nursing content from Elsevier, including full-text journals and ebooks, clinical trials, guidelines, and more.
- **DynaMed** | » [dynamed.com](https://www.dynamed.com)
Evidence-based clinical knowledge summaries, updated daily by a team of clinical editors, presenting quick, at-a-glance evidence.
- **BMJ Best Practice** | » bestpractice.bmj.com
The latest evidence-based information to support clinical decision making.
- **BMJ Case Reports** | » casereports.bmj.com
As well as full access to browse reports, submit your own for publication. See Library staff for EKHUFT's Institutional Fellowship code to proceed.
- **Royal Marsden Manual** | » rmmonline.co.uk
Detailed clinical procedure guidelines based on the latest research findings, enabling nurses to deliver clinically-effective patient-focused care.
- **AnatomyTV** | » [anatomy.tv](https://www.anatomy.tv)
An essential tool for visualising and comprehending complicated structures in anatomy, all rendered with interactive 3D modelling.
- **Knowledge & Library Hub** | » library.nhs.uk/ekhuft
Access the latest research, articles, ebooks, guidelines, with links to an A-Z of journals, and specialised healthcare database integrations.

You will need an OpenAthens account in order to access these resources (see page 2).

Clinical Librarians

Our Clinical Librarians work closely with clinicians and their departments, attending clinical meetings, medical decision meetings, educational ward rounds, as well as department journal clubs.

We help inform patient care by bringing knowledge and current evidence direct to the clinician, both in clinical meetings and at the bedside.

Skills training

We support individual staff, teams, and departments with training in evidence searching, critical appraisal, reflective writing, and understanding statistics, all of which can enhance the delivery of services and support professional academic development.

We also deliver skills training and resource awareness across East Kent to staff in their own surgeries and practices, as part of our primary care outreach service.

To enquire about any of these training sessions, or to ask about a session for you or your team, please contact Mark Kerr (KCH and WHH) or Jonathan Baker (QEQM). (See contact details on page 7.)

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About this handbook

Written collaboratively by EKHUFT Library and Knowledge Services staff.

For more information on any of the contents of this handbook, please get in touch with us - we're always happy to help!

Visit our website

» www.ekhft.nhs.uk/libraries

Get in touch

Canterbury

Education Library
Education Centre
Kent and Canterbury Hospital
Ethelbert Road
Canterbury
Kent
CT1 3NG

» Located in the Education Centre, first building on the left going towards the 1937 Building on the main driveway.

Ashford

Education Library
Education Centre
William Harvey Hospital
Kennington Road
Ashford
Kent
TN24 0LZ

» Located above the main entrance; once inside, turn left and go through doors to the left of the café.

Margate

Education Library
Queen Elizabeth
the Queen Mother Hospital
Ramsgate Road
Margate
Kent
CT9 4AN

» Located to the rear of the main hospital restaurant; once inside, follow signs for the restaurant, and then through the two sets of doors to the Library.

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