1. Students and HE NHS OpenAthens

a) What is HE NHS OpenAthens?

HE NHS OpenAthens accounts give students studying on NHS funded courses access to nationally funded NHS resources, if their institution is participating. HE NHS OpenAthens accounts for these students are managed by their university. For a list of participating universities see the HE NHS OpenAthens Wiki: [http://nhs-hei-athens.wikispaces.com/Participating+institutions](http://nhs-hei-athens.wikispaces.com/Participating+institutions)

b) How do I know if a student has an NHS OpenAthens account or a HE NHS OpenAthens account?

Most HE NHS OpenAthens accounts will have some indication in the username that they are a HE account e.g. nhsac. Queries about HE NHS OpenAthens accounts (e.g. forgotten username) must be directed to the appropriate university contact. Contact details for participating universities can be found at the above link.

c) Can students transfer their account when on placement?

Students should not transfer their HE NHS OpenAthens account to their placement trust.

This is because although the system allows students to transfer their accounts to their placement trust they are unable to transfer their accounts back to their university once their placement has finished.

In order to access local and regional content whilst on placement students with HE NHS OpenAthens accounts are invited to register for a separate NHS OpenAthens account for the duration of their placement. This creates an exception to the normal rule of one account per person.

2. Students and NHS OpenAthens

a) Are students eligible for access to NHS OpenAthens?

Students are eligible for a temporary NHS OpenAthens account whilst on a clinical placement within the NHS for the duration of their placement. A clinical placement is regarded as being:

An occasion where the student is based on an NHS site or working with NHS staff in the community and actively “engaging” with the care of NHS patients.

Students should specify the end-date of their placement and must not register for the whole duration of their degree course. When their placement ends they should wait until their next placement before renewing or re-registering.

b) How should students register for their NHS OpenAthens account?

Students should register from an NHS computer, under the name of the organisation that they are currently on placement with. Ideally students should register with their
academic email addresses however this will not be possible if the addresses are linked to their HE NHS OpenAthens accounts. If this is the case ask the students to register from an NHS computer using a private email address.

3. Suggested information sheet text

NHS OpenAthens - Students

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The registration form specifies that you must be on placement:

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You cannot register for the whole duration of your degree course. On registration you must specify the end-date of your placement. The maximum term for a student account is six months. If your placement is longer than six months you may renew your account - look out for the account renewal reminder email that will be sent to you one month before your account is due to expire.

When you return for another placement, you can register for a new temporary NHS OpenAthens password.

By registering you are agreeing to terms and conditions which are available for you to read from the registration page.

For full details of eligibility for access to NHS resources via OpenAthens please see: http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/about-evidence-services/content-and-sources/eligibility-criteria-for-nhs-purchased-content

Please note: Whilst you are a student, you may also be eligible for a HE NHS OpenAthens account, as well as another password to access resources purchased by your university. These accounts are entirely separate from your NHS OpenAthens account, and need to be arranged through your university.