

NHS Library Services on placement as a Birmingham City University Nursing student

As a Birmingham City University Nursing student your placements in the NHS will mainly be in the Birmingham area. There are some outside the Birmingham area but these are primarily in hospitals outside of the NHS and are not serviced by NHS libraries in the main.

The following NHS Hospitals Trusts and Primary Care Trusts have libraries:

Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust
University Hospital Birmingham NHS Trust
Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust
Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust
Solihull Primary Care Trust
South Birmingham Primary Care Trust
Dudley Group of Hospitals
Birmingham Women's Healthcare Trust

The other PCTs in Birmingham can receive services from the following libraries

BEN (Birmingham East and North) Primary Care Trust	Library Good Hope Hospital NHS Trust	Smallwood Clinical Library South Birmingham Primary Care Trust
Heart of Birmingham Primary Care Trust	Smallwood Clinical Library	Bevan Library City Hospital NHS Trust Library, Sandwell Hospital Heath Lane

Full details of the libraries are given in the Appendix

What do you get from NHS libraries

While you are there, and for the period of your placement, you will be allowed to:

Join the library, which means you may be able to:

- borrow books
- use the journal collection
- use the document delivery services(DDS)

Get an NHS ATHENS password to

- online databases
- electronic books
- full text electronic journals

and in some cases you may also have access to

- computers with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint as a minimum
- borrowing laptops

Get advice and training on using online health databases and resources as used in the NHS.

Further details for each Trust can be found in Appendix 1, but please also ask each library for further details.

Joining the Library

Many of the libraries within the Birmingham and Solihull area have a shared catalogue. When you join one of these libraries you will be given a library card. Even when your placement has finished you should retain your card as it can be re-used in at your next placement as long as the Trust you go to has a Library is part of the shared catalogue scheme. Please enquire at the new library and they will update your record and re-activate your card.

Where your placement library is not part of the shared catalogue you may still be able to join individual libraries for the duration of your placement.

Accessing the internet.

You will already have access to databases and electronic journals through

your University (Athens) account. You may encounter some differences in Trust access to computers – please contact the library at the respective Trust for more information.

Library staff may be able to give you computer access within the library so that you can use the internet and get into your university account. Contact the library staff serving your placement for further information on access to pcs and whether the trust network will allow you access to Birmingham City University resources.

Getting a password and user ID to NHS Athens

will give you access to NHS electronic resources and these may be different and extra to what you can access through your university account. Self registration is available at <https://register.athensams.net/nhs/nhswmr/>

Library staff will be happy to provide advice on electronic resources available through your NHS Athens account.

Book stock

The book collection will be multidisciplinary but may be particularly strong in one area depending on the specialisations within the particularly hospital or trust.

Many of the libraries in the Birmingham and Solihull area have a shared catalogue through which you may borrow books from any of the member libraries delivered to your placement location. The online version of the catalogue can be accessed at <http://bhsn.sirsidynix.net.uk/uhtbin/webcat>

Training

Please ask in your placement library whether they provide this service when you are looking for help with assignments essays. If they do it can be a useful insight into what NHS library and information resources can do for you in your future career in the NHS and in your nurse training.

Support from Mary Seacole Library, Birmingham City University while on placement.

You can still use library services at Birmingham City University while you are on your placement.

Please also remember that you can also contact Annmarie Lee or Claire Phillips at the Mary Seacole Library for library support and advice while on placement. Contact Annmarie or Claire on 0121 331 6012 or via the 24 hour electronic enquiry service at <http://library.bcu.ac.uk/hcontactus.htm>

See the library website at <http://library.bcu.ac.uk>