Using your NHS OpenAthens password

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What kind of online resources?

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How does it work?

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How to get an NHS ATHENS password:

- Get on to the Internet - ideally from an NHS computer
- Go to www.eel.nhs.uk
- Click Register for an ATHENS password
- Fill in every box.
- If you're not on an NHS computer, use an NHS email address.
- Tick the terms & conditions box, then click Register.
- The next page will display your username.
- You'll get an email with a link to click to confirm your registration.
- You'll be asked to make up a password and agree to the terms and conditions. Be careful to follow the password requirements.

If you've got one from another Trust:

- Go to www.library.nhs.uk/myaccount.aspx.
- Enter your username and password and click Login.
- Click Change organisation.
- Tick to confirm you're still eligible for NHS resources.
- Type in the name of your new organisation, then select it from the list which appears below. Click Continue.
- Update your contact details and click Continue.
- Tick the first box to confirm the terms and conditions.
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