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Databases

This page gives you a brief introduction to the main databases in social sciences.

For help in any aspect of searching the databases contact Rachel Posaner or consult our **help pages (/facilities/hsmc-library/help-and-training/index.aspx)** .

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Logging in via FindIt

You will need your **University username and password (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/hsmc-library/library-resources/uob-logon.aspx)** and it is best to log in before you start.

Follow the link to FindIt and choose the 'Find databases' on the right at the top. You can now search for a database by name or by subject area.

Logging in via NHS Evidence

You will need your **NHS Athens username and password (/facilities/hsmc-library/library-resources/athens-logon.aspx)** .

Follow the link to the NHS Evidence public page and choose the 'Journals and databases' option at the top on the left.

You will be asked to log in.

You can now tick those that you wish to search. Be aware though that searching them simultaneously is not recommended as different databases will index items with different subject headings and so this is not an efficient way to conduct a search.

listen to 'Google Scholar as a resource' on Audioboo (https://audioboo.fm/boos/1410487-google-scholar-as-a-resource)

ABI/Inform

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Searches respected historical business journals for a unique perspective on topics covering corporate strategies, management techniques, accounting, marketing, advertising, ethics, case studies, and much more. Deep backfiles encompass full runs of some of the most important business journals of the last century, all in cover-to-cover full page images, just as they were printed.

UoB login (http://findit.bham.ac.uk/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?dscnt=1&dstmp=1381747337688&vid=44BIR_VU1&mode=Advanced&fromLogin=true)

AMED

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1985 to present - Provides an alternative medicine database including complementary medicine, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, rehabilitation, podiatry, palliative care, and more. AMED contains basic bibliographic records (abstracts are also included for many records dated 1995 onward) for relevant articles from over 500 journals, with the scope of coverage being mainly European. Many of the journals included in AMED are not indexed by other biomedical sources. AMED is produced by the Health Care Information Service of the British Library.

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ASSIA

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ASSIA on the Web is an indexing and abstracting tool covering health, social services, economics, politics, race relations and education. Updated monthly, ASSIA provides a comprehensive source of social science and health information for the practical and academic professional.

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British Nursing Index

NHS help (http://www.library.nhs.uk/help/resource)

British Nursing Index is a nursing and midwifery database, covering over 200 UK journals and other English-language titles. Produced by a partnership of UK libraries serving nurses, it is the most current nursing database for UK journals, ANd has featured concise original abstracts for every reference included since January 2004.

NHS login (https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/)

Care Search

Help (http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/AboutCareSearch/UsingCareSearch/tabid/162/Default.aspx)

CareSearch palliative care knowledge network is an online resource consolidating evidence-based and quality information for various groups within the palliative care community. The website has been funded by the Australian Government as part of the National Palliative Care Program. The project is a work in progress that reflects the changing nature of palliative care needs and practice and the underlying evidence and literature base that supports clinical care and service delivery.

Open access (https://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/tabid/1611/Default.aspx?returnurl=%2fCaresearch%2fDefault.aspx)

CINAHL

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The authoritative resource for nursing and allied health professionals, students, educators and researchers. Offering complete coverage of English-language publications from the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses' Association, it covers nursing, biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, consumer health and 17 allied health disciplines. It ontains indexing for over 1,200 nursing journals and publications dating back to 1982; over 250,000 records; abstracts for over 250 journals including over 450 author-supplied abstracts; indexing for journals, books and book chapters, dissertations, selected conference proceedings, standards of practice, p
educational software packages and audiovisual material; internal subject thesaurus with over 7,000 terms—2,000 unique to CINAHL.

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Cochrane

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The Cochrane Library is a unique source of reliable and up-to-date information on the effects of interventions in health care in fields as diverse as diagnostic tests, public health, health promotion, pharmacology, surgery, psychology and the organization and delivery of health care. ludes the DARE (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects) database. This database contains abstracts of systematic reviews that have been quality-assessed. Each abstract includes a summary of the review together with a critical commentary about the overall quality.

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CRD Database

Help (http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb//GuideToSearching.asp)

The CRD databases are updated daily and provide decision-makers with access to: over 9,000 quality assessed systematic reviews, over 11,000 quality assessed economic evaluations, over 10,000 summaries of completed and ongoing health technology assessments, summaries of all Cochrane reviews and protocols and summaries of Campbell reviews

Open access (http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CMS2Web/)

EconLit

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(http://support.ebsco.com/help/?int=ehost&lang=en&feature_id=&TOC_ID=Always&SI=0&BU=0&GU=1&PS=0&ver=&dbs=ecn)

The American Economic Association's electronic is a source of citations and abstracts to economic research dating back to 1969. It provides comprehensive information on accounting, capital markets, econometrics, economic forecasting, government regulations, labor economics, monetary theory, urban economics and much more. EconLit records include abstracts of books, journal articles, and working papers published by the Cambridge University Press. These sources bring the total records available on the database to more than 825,000.

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Embase

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EMBASE, the Excerpta Medica database is a major biomedical and pharmaceutical database indexing over 3,500 international journals in the following fields: drug research, pharmacology, pharmaceutics, toxicology, clinical and experimental human medicine, health policy and management, public health, occupational health, environmental health, drug dependence and abuse, psychiatry, forensic medicine, and biomedical engineering/instrumentation. There is selective coverage for nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, psychology, and alternative medicine. EMBASE is one of the most widely used biomedical and pharmaceutical databases because of its
and in-depth indexing. Frequent updates allow access to the latest medical and pharmacological trends. Approximately 375,000 records are added yearly.

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HMIC

HSMC help (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/hsmc-library/help-and-training/literature-searching.aspx)   **NHS help (http://www.library.nhs.uk/help/resource)**   **UoB help (https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/subject/resource-guides.aspx)**

This Health Management and Policy Database, from The Healthcare Management Information Consortium (HMIC), is an invaluable source of information for health care administrators and managers.   This unique product is updated bi-monthly and contains essential information from two key institutions: the Library & Information Services of the Department of Health, England and the King's Fund Information & Library Service.;

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Kings Fund Database

Bibliographic references often with abstracts of; journal articles, monographs, reports, government documents, and, grey literature all focusing on health policy and management related information.

Open access (http://kingsfund.koha-ptfs.eu/)

Medline

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The MEDLINE database is the premier source for bibliographic and abstract coverage of biomedical literature. MEDLINE encompasses information from Index Medicus, Index to Dental Literature, and International Nursing, as well as other sources of coverage in the areas of allied health, biological and physical sciences, humanities and information science as they relate to medicine and health care, communication disorders, population biology, and reproductive biology.

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NHS Evidence

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Search page open to the public (https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/)

NHS employee search (https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/about-evidence-services/journals-and-databases)

Search of resources available to NHS staff only including ebooks, ejournals and the health related databases. You will need your **NHS Athens login (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/hsmc-library/library-resources/athens-logon.aspx)** to access this section.

NHS login (https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/)

PubMed

Help (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK3827/)

PubMed comprises over 20 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. PubMed citations and abstracts include the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, and preclinical sciences. PubMed also provides access to additional relevant Web sites and links to the other NCBI molecular biology resources. PubMed is a free resource that is developed and maintained by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), at the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM), located at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Open access (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/)

Social Sciences Citation Index (ISI)

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Science Citation Index is a multidisciplinary index to the journal literature of the sciences. It fully indexes over 6,650 major journals across 150 scientific disciplines and includes all cited references captured from indexed articles.

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Social Welfare Portal

Help (http://socialwelfare.bl.uk/faqs/)

Access the British Library's collection on social welfare

More about the Portal (http://socialwelfare.bl.uk/about/index.aspx)

Open access (http://socialwelfare.bl.uk/)

Third Sector Knowledge Portal

Help (https://cssfs10.bham.ac.uk/HeritageScripts/Hapi.dll/help?CookieCheck=41541.4729759259&topic=overviewh)

The Knowledge Portal brings together research and information on the voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors. It is a free to use online library, bringing together reports from third sector organisations, academic research, and government studies in one easy to use collection. It helps voluntary organisations, government departments, academics and others to access evidence on a broad range of topics related to the sector.

Open access (https://cssfs10.bham.ac.uk/heritage/)

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