

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to let you know about upcoming changes to the Library access arrangements between Leeds Teaching Hospitals and the University of Leeds.

The current NHS Service Level Agreement, which enables LTH staff to access the University of Leeds Library services, will end on **31 July 2026**.

What this means for you:

Access to University of Leeds Library sites

The Library in the Clinical Sciences Building at St James' University Hospital will close permanently on 31 July 2026. From this date, the remaining University of Leeds Library sites will also no longer be generally accessible to LTH staff.

University of Leeds Library books

If you currently have University of Leeds Library books on loan, please ensure they are returned by 31 July 2026.

Access to NHS Library and Knowledge Services will continue in full

The following services remain unchanged and will continue to be available to all LTH staff:

- Access to [NHS Library study spaces](#)
- Book loans via our NHS Library sites.
- Access to the [Library catalogue](#)
- Eligibility for an [OpenAthens account](#), giving access to a wide range of e-resources, such as journals and [databases](#)
- [Training and support](#) to help you get the most out of information resources
- Our expert [Evidence Search Service](#), providing tailored support for clinical practice, service improvement, education and research.

For the full range of Library resources and services which we offer please see the [Leeds Libraries for Health website](#).

Honorary University of Leeds staff

If you hold an honorary contract with the University of Leeds, you will retain full access to the University Library's facilities. This includes remote access to e-resources, such as online journals and databases, for academic purposes. Further information is [available here](#).

Special access requests

If you believe you have particular requirements which mean you need continued access to University of Leeds library services and that NHS Library services will not meet these needs, you may [submit a request here](#).

Queries

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact the Library and Knowledge Service at lthstafflibraries@nhs.net

Kind regards,

*Library and Knowledge Services
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust*