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Update on HDAS redevelopment

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback on the new HDAS system. You may see changes each time you use the system as the Project Team is working hard on resolving the issues you report to us and continuous improvements to the system are being released as they are ready. An update describing the changes and how to use them will be issued once the releases are complete. As previously communicated, we will continue to double run the two systems until further notice. Below is a reminder of the things you need to do in the meantime.

What do I need to do?

1. Continue to provide feedback

Your feedback is really important to us. Please continue to send details of any defects or issues you are experiencing to nice@nice.org.uk. In order to help us investigate as thoroughly as possible please send as much information as you can. This includes:

- the browser and operating system you're working on
- The actual strategy you were building including details of the rows involved
- The database you were using at the time

We are not always able to replicate issues but this does not mean that we are not taking the issue you report seriously. If you re-experience an issue you've had, we'd appreciate it if you could re-report it and send screenshots if you can; in the absence of screenshots or the information noted above, there is very little that can be done to investigate further.

2. Ensure you have completed the migration of your saved searches and alerts

All saved searches and alerts set up from 2008 onwards in old HDAS (and in the BETA version) have been migrated to the new system. This has been semi-automated and there is a piece of work for you to complete the migration. While you will still be able to migrate your saved searches once old HDAS is switched off, you will no longer receive any alerts from old HDAS, so these will need to be migrated into new HDAS from your saved searches.

To complete the migration of your searches and alerts, when you log in you will see an **Import** link at the top of the page, next to **Saved Results** and **Alerts**:

- click on the **Import** link and you will see a drop-down list of years
- select a year, and then you will see the list of your saved searches and alerts from that year
- select the ones that you want to import.

Things you should be aware of:

- Migration may take some time, so please set some time aside to let this run. This will depend on how many saved searches and results you choose to bring across
- Only bring across the searches you need
- You will need to go into your searches and run them in the new system
- Alerts will be on the final line of the strategy only. You will have to go into each strategy to change this if you want alerts on other lines within a strategy.
- Alerts will continue to be sent from the old HDAS until it is switched off, which may lead to duplication of alerts to users during November for some recipients.

Please note: some of the rules in new HDAS differ to those in old HDAS. These are explained in the HDAS key changes document available in the help package described below. For example, rows that have run on different databases cannot be combined in the new HDAS – whereas they could in the old. This feature was synthesized in the old version of HDAS, meaning that results were a representation rather than an accurate combination. Similarly, it is not possible in the new HDAS to combine rows that have limits applied.

In cases like these the affected search line will show a syntax error in the place where the error arises. The syntax checker will prompt users to make the required changes and update the line in new HDAS.

3. *Ensure that you are familiar with the new HDAS service*

If you haven't already done so, we also advise you to replace any saved links you have to the old HDAS with the new web address <https://hdas.nice.org.uk/>. You may also need to update any links you have on your intranet. The URL for the journals and databases page will also change; the new URL for this will be shared closer to the time.

Please visit the HDAS resources page <https://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/library-and-knowledge-services-staff/training-materials>. These pages include training guides, details of the differences between the old and new systems and short video tutorials on how to use all of the key features.

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Link Resolver and Knowledge Base reprourement

The Invitation to Tender for the Link Resolver and Knowledge Base service has now been released. The service will provide a seamless journey for users from searches to the content they are eligible to access by resolving the links between the search query and the relevant full text journal articles that sit in a Knowledge Base. The Knowledge Base is an up-to-date and accurate repository of all the content available to an organisation.

The closing date for responses to the tender is 23 January 2017. The contract will be awarded in April and the service start date is 1 October 2017.

Full details and service specification are available on Contracts Finder on www.gov.uk/contracts-finder.

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CKS update

Clinical Knowledge Summaries (CKS) updates its topics and adds new ones on a regular basis.

New topics added since October:

- [Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease](#)
- [Vitamin D deficiency in children](#)
- [Vitamin D deficiency in adults](#)

Updated topics since October:

- [Candida – female genital](#)
- [Carpal tunnel syndrome](#)

- [Chickenpox](#)
- Contraception
 - [assessment](#)
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