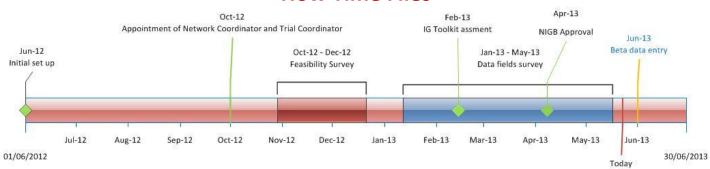# Newsletter

OHCAO

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Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Outcomes

Welcome to our second issue of the OHCAO Project Newsletter. Since February we have achieved completion of the project's central governance approvals and have continued to undertake site visits to review the potential data fields survey and data flows with each Service audit department. Those sites visits undertaken, without exception, have so far gone very well. The most common question raised during these visits has been the concern expressed regarding the extra hours and resource workload that this project may demand on already very busy audit departments. The project wants to reassure everyone, that at this stage we only want a replication of information already collected monthly by each service, for submission to the DoH. We look forward to your continued support provided to this project.

How Time Flies

The project now has most of the data field charts received from participating Ambulance Services, so that we can push forward in designing the web based data portal for trial testing in June. The next trial Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for mid-June and the key objective for this meeting is to review the data definitions and decide upon which parameters to use for generating reporting services back to ambulance services. If you have any ideas on what reports would benefit your service, please drop us an email. Ideas such as displaying 'Clinical Commissioning Group' area performance and data quality have been suggested to help each service in making strategic and economic performance reviews.

Project Status

Upon local Trust approval and Site Agreement completed, the project can progress towards the goal for each Service to provide their raw data samples in order to facilitate the database design and mapping. **Our thanks go to North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust for providing us with our first raw data sample set to start the database development** (programming, mapping, validation etc).

Action Plan

Ambulance Service	IG toolkit status	Data Chart	Visited	Copy of Patient Report Form	Data Flow Chart completed	PI's CV	Contract's complete	Raw data sample
East of England	Yes	✔	✔	✔				
East Midlands	Yes	✔	✔	✔				
Isle of Wight	Not listed							
London	Yes	✔	✔	✔			✔	
North East	Yes	✔	✔	✔			✔	
North West	Yes	✔	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔
South East Coast	NO	✔	✔	✔				
South Central	Yes						✔	
South West	Yes	✔					✔	
Wales	No reports		✔	✔				
West Midlands	Yes	✔	✔	✔				
Yorkshire	Yes	✔	✔	✔			✔	
Northern Ireland								
Scotland								

Site visits continue

Andy has continued to visit each ambulance service to answer questions and support them.
In keeping with the British Heart Foundation's healthy heart campaign, he chose to use Barkley's Bikes to visit the London office, providing him two 25 minute work outs, and far cheaper than a taxi. He did notice it wasn't as much fun getting back to Euston rail station afterwards, as that was uphill!
If you would like us to visit your audit department, drop Andy an email at OHCAO@warwick.ac.uk.

What's next?

The project wants to understand the flow of cardiac arrest data within each of the services, and will record the process of each Audit department's system for creating the reports to the Department of Health. We can then compare current practice, to identify any difference, and best practice.
We would appreciate if you are able to submit your data flow diagrams via email to OHCAO@warwick.ac.uk by 6th June. This will provide information to the Steering Committee prior to their meeting, in order to make informed decisions as to project database.

Visit to TARN

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During May, the OHCAO team were invited by Professor Tim Cotes to visit the TARN network group, an audit and research network for trauma patients attending UK hospitals, which provides coding, comparisons, benchmarking, reporting and research analysis. The team reviewed examples of reporting styles, learnt from TARN's experience, and now have some ideas of how to best provide reports for ambulance services.

Information Governance Training

The project team have completed Information Governance training, as part of their improvement plan after gaining a 74% published result from the 2013 Tool kit assessment. Eventually the whole Clinical Trials Unit department will undertake IG toolkit assessment and training as information governance best practice and as part of our improvement plan.

WWW pages We are now beginning to construct a web site for the project, and are very keen to hear your ideas of what you would like to see there. We are planning links and access to downloadable documents, tutorials on how to submit your data, and national / local dashboards displaying key reports.

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Thank you for your on-going support