

Newsletter



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Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Outcomes



The OHCAO project team are pleased to announce that the secure web server is now LIVE!

We want to send our thanks to North West Ambulance Service for being the first to site to receive authorisation to submit live data. After many hard months of bug fixing, we can now start to bring more services online and commence accepting retrospective data from April 2012.

Research Requests

We have seen a surge of interest from many different sources asking for more information and details of the project and results produced so far. The project is only open to Pre-hospital ambulance services, and as such we have had to refuse many hospital Trusts who have expressed an offer of interest.

At this stage we are currently writing several papers, one describing the project's protocol & methodology and another discussing the sources of variability between services. Until these papers are published, we will not be releasing any further information to outside sources.



Once national figures are available, these will also be published within public forums. However specific details for each ambulance service will remain in confidence.

Project progress

Thank you to our 'Beta' testing sites that are nearly ready to go live. We are excited to announce that the Scottish Ambulance service is happy to take part with the OHCAO project. Negotiations will now begin to gain the appropriate ethics approval and contracts to commence bringing them online and join the English and Welsh ambulance services.

Action Plan

Ambulance Service	Feasibility returned	Data Chart received	Site visit	Copy of PRF	Data Flow diagram	2012 Figures received	Sample data received	PI's CV returned	Site agreement signed	Login Request	PRIMARY DATA UPLOAD	Mapping done	Validation done	Site live
East of England	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
East Midlands	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓					
Isle of Wight	✓			✓				✓	✓					
London	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
North East	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		
North West	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scotland	✓													
South East Coast	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓					
South Central	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓					
South West	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
West Midlands	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Yorkshire	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		
Wales	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓					

Login Requests

So that your Trust can enter its monthly dataset to the secure web site, we ask that everyone who requires access completes a login form available through our web site www.warwick.ac.uk/ohcao

This is not an automated service; we will contact the clinical audit lead to confirm the identity and level of access for each request.

The person must be using an ambulance email address and provide the IP address of the computer they wish to use. This is to increase the security of who can submit data and where from.

To find out your IP address, enter 'My IP address' into a search engine.

Your login details will not function from another computer- if you wish to have access from multiple computers you must send in another request form with the additional IP address.



Inter Project Working

The OHCAO project has also been in contact with other British Heart Foundation funded projects around the country, to see how we can share best practice and provide assistance to each other, thereby providing added value for the charity's investment.

Ideas coming forward are providing bespoke reports to demonstrate the areas of need within the communities the project works, and how effective new developments are.

<https://www.life-saver.org.uk/>



Resuscitation Council (UK)

Have you got 15 minutes to learn how to save a life right from your desk? The Resuscitation Council (UK) has a new online video challenge, to test your knowledge of CPR, choking and the recovery position. Sign in and you can print off your certificate of achievement detailing your scores!

WWW pages

Please feel free to distribute the public-facing web site www.warwick.ac.uk/ohcao to any interested parties that may be contacting you for information regarding the project. Here they will find background information, frequently asked questions and links to the relevant permissions and approvals, as well as contact details to ask us directly their questions or concerns.



HeartStart course One of the biggest improvements to Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest patient survival is bystander CPR. The British Heart Foundation's 'HeartStart' course is a free two hour course teaching members of the public what to do when someone is having a heart attack or in cardiac arrest. Andy Whittington, the OHCAO Project Network Coordinator, is teaching this course to colleagues at the Warwick Clinical Trials Unit based as part of his BHF funded role, and training more instructors for the West Midlands Ambulance Service and West Midlands Fire Service.

Don't forget, when contacting a member of the OHCAO project team at Warwick Clinical Trials Unit please use the email OHCAO@warwick.ac.uk

Thank you all for your patience as we develop the data transfer web site