

# Newsletter



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## Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Outcomes

# 15,143 cases

Thank you all for your hard work so far in helping the OHCAO project. We have now had over 15,000 cases imported into the project's system.

Our plans now are to continue to help those remaining services become authorised to import data, and trouble shoot any issues with files. With the data collected so far, we will be using it to generate data quality/quantity reports for each participating Ambulance Service. We will need your assistance in designing these, to be a valued resource for influencing improvements across the UK to eventually enable advancements in care to the patients we support pre-hospital.

### EuReCa One in October 2014!

During the month of October, the EuReCa One project will take a snap shot of all Out of Hospital cardiac arrests that occur across the European community.

See [www.eureca-one.eu](http://www.eureca-one.eu). Following receipt of the

necessary governance approvals, the OHCAO project

will provide anonymised data from the OHCAO database to represent the participating Ambulance Services of the United Kingdom. This is an opportunity to directly compare out of hospital cardiac arrest data in each participating European member state, to begin understanding the variations in practice and best practice can then be shared. We hope to learn as many lessons we can and to cascade this across the UK, and use the EuReCa example for reporting ideas. We will provide more information relating to this over the summer months and will ask that all services make a considered effort to ensure that their completed data for October 2014 is imported by the beginning of January 2015 to be entered into this study. Please contact Andy Whittington at [OHCAO@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:OHCAO@warwick.ac.uk) if you require further information at this stage.



### Project progress

Progress Plan											
Ambulance Service	PI's CV returned	Data Flow diagram	2012 Figures received	Sample data received	Site agreement signed	Login Request	Mapping done	Validation done	Historical data received	Data Template adopted	Authorised 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	✓				✓						

## Change in our staff!

The OHCAO project are having a change of trial management as of next week 16 June. Charlotte Kaye, Trainee Trial Coordinator, has secured a promotion within the Warwick Clinical Trials Unit. I'm sure some of you will still be in touch with her as she begins a role working on the PARAMEDIC2 trial. We welcome Sonia Davies to the team, who has been recruited to the position of Trainee Trial Coordinator who will be taking over and helping the OHCAO project develop the reporting elements of the project.

## CVs -do we have yours?

Please ensure you forward to us a current signed and dated CV for members of the team working on OHCAO, including the Principal Investigator. Pdf versions are acceptable and can be mailed to [OHCAO@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:OHCAO@warwick.ac.uk).

## Login Requests and Security



So that your Trust can enter its monthly data set to the secure web site, we require that everyone who requires access completes a login form available via our web site:-

[www.warwick.ac.uk/ohcao/login](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/ohcao/login)

This is not an automated service; we will contact the clinical audit lead to confirm the identity and level of access to 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 and where data can be submitted from. (To find out your IP address, type in 'My IP address' into a search engine). Your login details will not function from another computer, if you wish to have multiple access, you must send in another request form with each additional IP address.

## Ghost Rows & issues with import

Noticeably some Excel files are rather larger than they are expected to be, leading to an interruption when importing to the secure server. This can sometimes be due to 'Ghost Rows' added unnoticeably at the end of your text. These are assumed by the system as being genuine cases with 'missing' data throughout. Follow this guide to remove these unwanted rows, to reduce the size of your file and improve your 'missing data' percentages! [www.warwick.ac.uk/ohcao/importing](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/ohcao/importing)

1. Open the file that needs to be checked
2. Left click on the first empty row you want to delete after your data
3. Hold shift+ctrl and then press down
4. All rows will be highlighted
5. Right click and delete all the rows
6. Save your workbook

## Changing Your Staff?

Inevitably there will be staff changes within all departments, and as such we will monitor those inactive login accounts and remove their access after 6 months. If you are aware of any changes to staffing, we would be grateful if you could let us know of your successor, so we can assist the smooth transition and complete the changes to the delegation logs and access rights.



## Could your service have a link to the OHCAO www pages?

We are happy for your service to host a web link to our public facing web site. If you would like a copy of the original artwork to add to your Trust's web pages, please email us for a copy.

**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](mailto:OHCAO@warwick.ac.uk)**

***Congratulations to those sites already live, we hope to bring you the first data quality reports very soon and ask you help us develop their effectiveness.***