

The Online Research @ Derby Archive (ORDA): Partnership Working

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Background

Working in partnership with Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, ORDA is the official institutional research repository for the NHS in Derbyshire. It captures, stores and preserves the research output and makes it available to the research community through Open Access Protocols.

Methods

Our main aim was to make our combined research visible, create exposure to the work done within our Trusts and to connect with colleagues from inside the Trust and externally.

After reviewing various repository providers, we purchased ORDA through DSpace. We then established ORDA content. From September to December 2016 we uploaded onto ORDA any published work from 2010 onwards from the Trust with references obtained from HDAS and PubMed. We uploaded articles, conference proceedings, presentations and posters.

We wanted ORDA to work as seamlessly as possible and so uploaded PDF's rather than including full-text links. We used Sherpa Romeo to check for copyright restrictions before uploading PDF's to the database. Authors were contacted if copyright restrictions prevented the publisher's version/PDF being uploaded and they were asked to provide a pre or post print version.

Open access full-text articles were downloaded from the Internet, other articles were ordered through the British Library copyright fee paid service and placed in a 'copyright restricted' collection. These items are suppressed from Google and to view them you need to either ask for permission from an administrator or register with ORDA.

We marketed ORDA throughout our Trusts using posters, guides and utilising social media. A number of Libraries contacted us on the back of seeing our Twitter feed on ORDA so we were able to help other librarians through the benefit of our own experience. This also helped us to build external relationships.

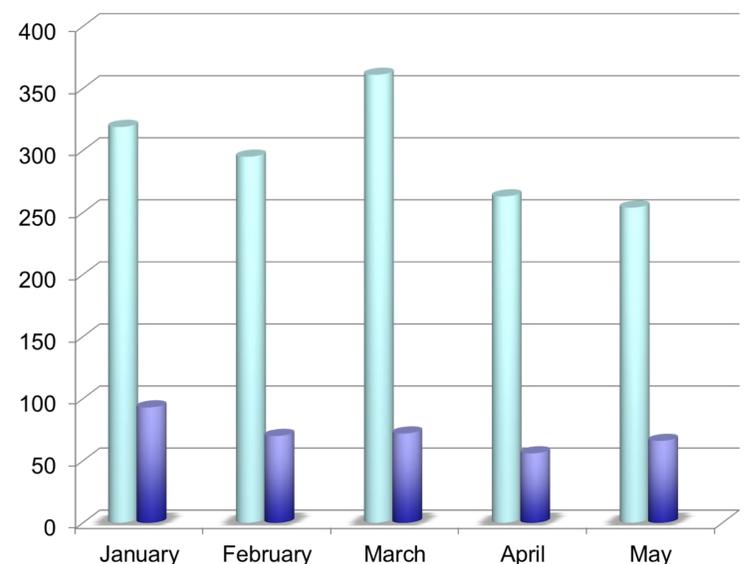
Results

Monthly statistics are gathered using an integrated PIWIK. These show the site hits and number of downloads. Since the system went live we have had 1492 hits and 357 downloads.

Inter-Library loans statistics are monitored and since January, ORDA has satisfied 7 ILL requests for other NHS Libraries, saving both staff time and money.

Consultants have begun to contact us directly about putting their research output onto ORDA. When they do this we have a short interview with them to establish how they heard about ORDA and their thoughts on the system. So far, feedback has been extremely positive.

Next steps for the project include establishing profiles so that Trust staff can upload their own research output and create a profile for themselves listing their areas of expertise and interests.



Conclusion

The ORDA project has been a success overall. The main learning curves have been in relation to the issue of copyright surrounding repositories. This was quite complex and often bewildering at the start of our process. We now have a greater understanding of copyright legislation and archiving, having identified a number of tools to guide us through.

We chose DSpace, a small company, as the software provider for the repository. The support they provided was excellent, although it did require tough negotiation and strong communication skills. This has resulted in a close working relationship with the company.

Getting an 'ORDA Champion' on board would have been beneficial at the start of the project as we have found that word-of-mouth has been the main route for junior doctors in using the database. We have two of these champions now and since we have got these people on board our statistics have increased quite rapidly.

ORDA: <https://derbyhospitals-nhs.archive.knowledgearc.net/>
Sherpa Romeo: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/index.php>

