NHS/HE Forum
The NHS Library Review

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Key Questions
for the Review of NHS Library Services

❑ Content Procurement

❑ Open Access

❑ NHS/HE Forum's technical solutions

❑ Supra-national collaboration

❑ Conclusion

Content Procurement

- ❑ Content
  - ❑ HE spends much more on the acquisition of content, particularly e-content, than NHS
  - ❑ NHS, on its own, does not carry enough financial clout to convince publishers to modify their terms
- ❑ **Opportunity**
  - ❑ **For NHS and HE to work together on joint procurement**
    - ❑ Converge procurement routes
    - ❑ Involve discussions with JISC and all relevant NHS procurement agencies
    - ❑ Can a Road Map be drawn for future joined-up work?
    - ❑ Can this convergence be a recommendation of the Review?

Content Procurement

❑ **Opportunity for the Report to recommend establishment of clearer frameworks for collaboration**
  ❑ Possible joint HE/NHS procurement of Cochrane database of Systematic Reviews
    ❑ Test for both partners is:
    ❑ Where does the money come from?
    ❑ Who can undertake procurement role for the whole of NHS England?
  ❑ Is <u>joint national</u> procurement by national NHS and HE bodies the new de facto model?
  ❑ Is role of local procurement to 'top up' national provision?
  ❑ Does NHS/HE Content Group have a role as Advisory Steering Group?
    ❑ Similar role to JISC Journals Working Group

Open Access

- ❑ **Opportunity**
  - ❑ **For NHS fully to embrace Open Access at a strategic and policy level**
    - ❑ Review should recommend that all NHS-funded research should be available to all NHS users, and the general public, in Open Access
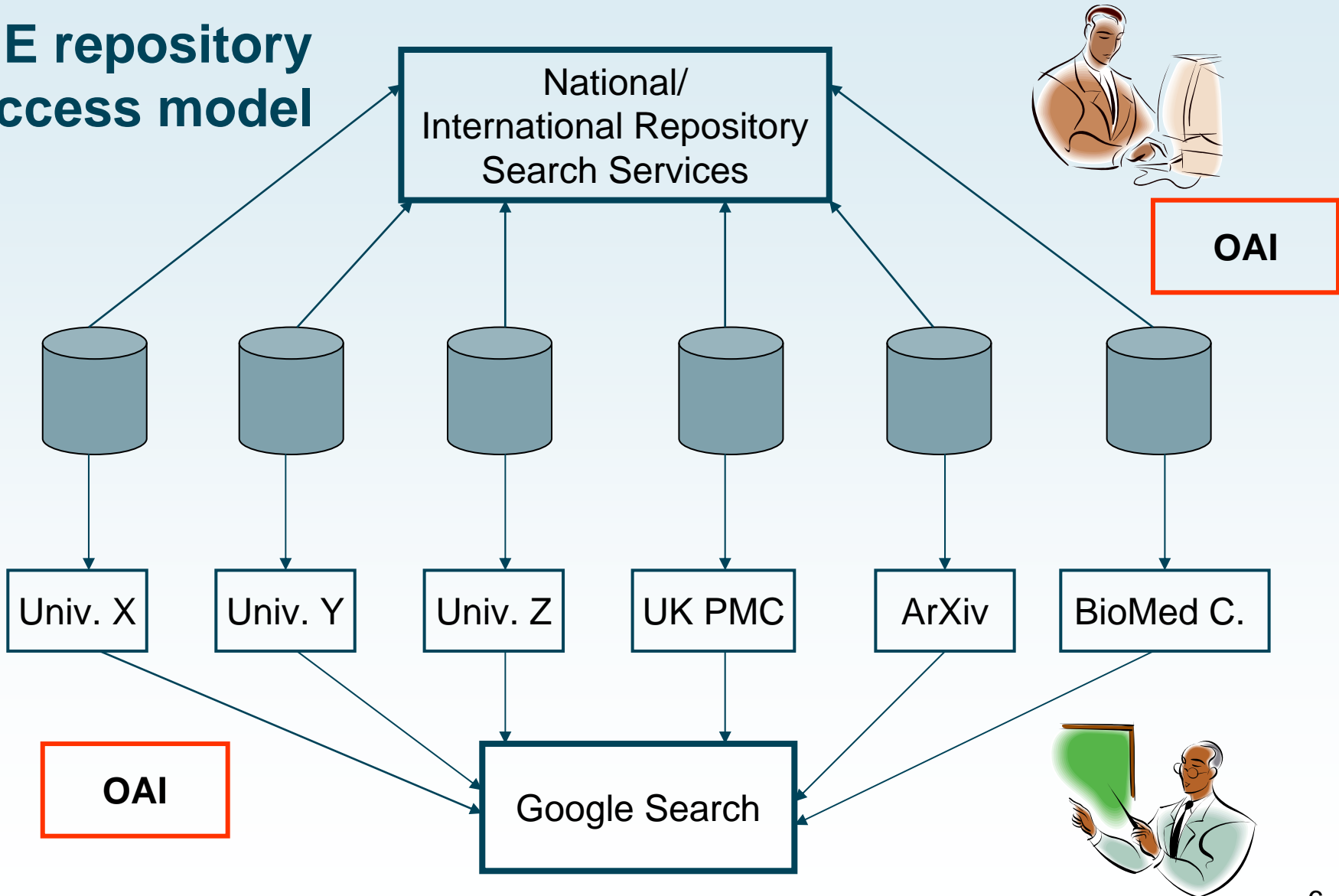   - ❑ NHS should sign the Berlin Declaration on Open Access
    - ❑ NHS needs to investigate how the technical infrastructure to deliver Open Access can be put in place
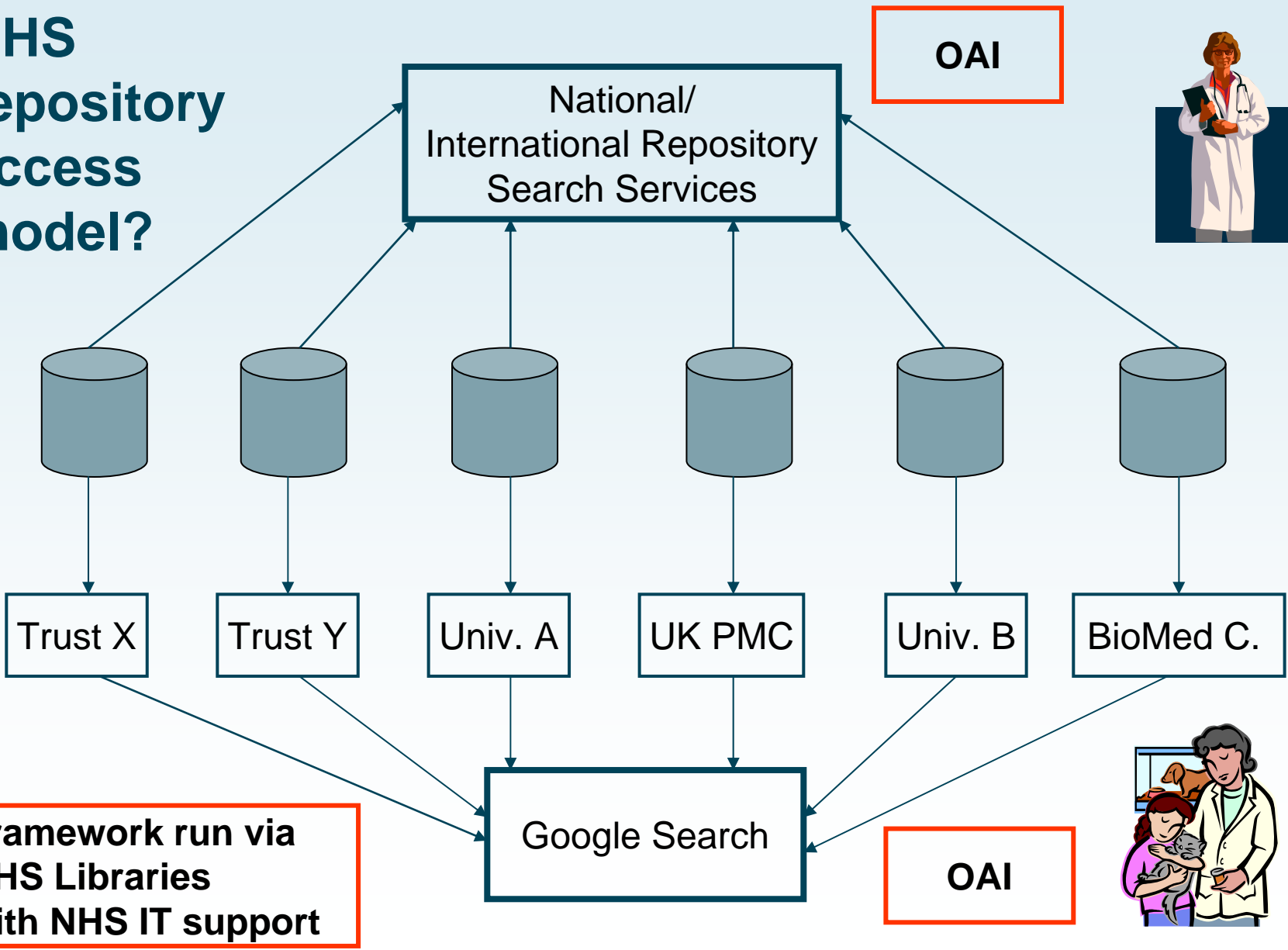   - ❑ JISC and the HE SHERPA programme for Open Access repositories can help
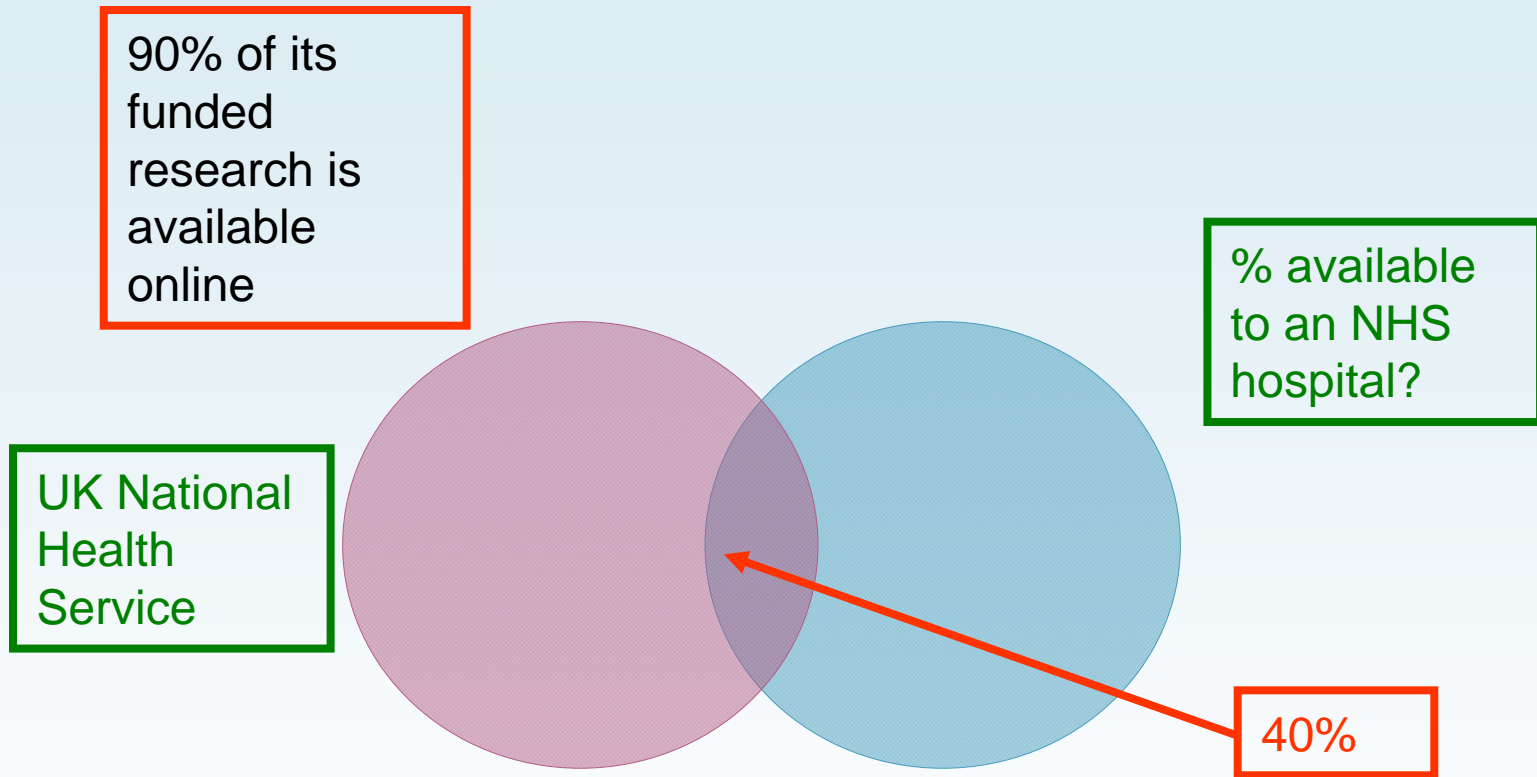   - – http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/

NHS repository access model?

National/ International Repository Search Services

OAI

Trust X

Trust Y

Univ. A

UK PMC

Univ. B

BioMed C.

Google Search

Framework run via NHS Libraries with NHS IT support

OAI

90% of its funded research is available online

% available to an NHS hospital?

UK National Health Service

40%

'How accessible is NHS-funded research to the general public and to the NHS's own researchers?' M. Cockerill, 2004 at

http://www.biomedcentral.com/openaccess/inquiry/refersubmission.PDF

NHS/HE Forum's technical solutions

❑ **Opportunity**

   ❑ **For the technical solutions identified in the Forum to be adopted across NHS England**

     ❑ But not enough to get libraries to embrace the 'toolkit' of solutions the Forum has identified

     ❑ Review needs to recommend more advocacy work between NHS libraries, NHS IT constituencies, and their HE counterparts to ensure that the technical solution which best fits local needs is adopted

     ❑ Issue is about advocacy as well as implementation

Supra-national collaboration

❑ Review is a review of NHS library provision in England

❑ **Opportunity for Review to say something about how joined up discussions between NHS England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can be progressed with HE**

❑ Currently, HE and JISC have separate conversations with each NHS home country

❑ Can the Review recommend the establishment of a high-level NHS/HE Advisory Group where strategic library discussions between HE and all NHS home countries can take place?

    ❑ This would in effect formalise, but broaden, the work which NHS/HE Content Group has been undertaking at present

Conclusions

- ❑ **The Review of NHS library provision in England presents an opportunity to:**
  - ❑ Put the content work of NHS and HE partners on a formal, national basis
  - ❑ Embrace Open Access, with the benefits that this can deliver to clinical practice and patient care through publications being generally available
  - ❑ Identify a new framework for collaborative library activities between HE and the NHS in all home countries
  - ❑ Advocate technical solutions for joint connectivity which have already been identified by the NHS/HE Forum
- ❑ I hope the Report has something to say in all these areas