

Re-levelling of hospitals

For Information

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In July 2016 hospital Board / Trusts were moved from groupings of three levels of donation activity to four. The benefits were:

1. **Level education events for all levels became manageable for the first time.** Level meetings occurred between December 2016- March 2017.
2. **It became easier to compare like with like** - statistics reports comparing different levels were published for the level meetings with many attendees commenting on their usefulness.

Overall the re-levelling was well received, but a promise was made to re-level in two years. This has now been carried out and new level meetings are planned for September 2018. Trusts / Boards are being notified of their new level.

As per 2016 these were the rules used to allocate:

1. **Donation activity was based on actual donors,**
2. **averaged over the last two years (1st April 2016 – 31st March 2018) to reduce random variations, and**
3. **there was a clear numerical separation between levels.**
4. **We sought to have around 30+ Level 1s and 40+ each of Levels 2/3/4. This would allow a meeting of under 100 people.**

New levels – based on proceeding donors per year (averaged over two years)

Level	2016 Definition	Number in each level 2016	2018 Definition	Number in each level 2018
1	12 or more (≥ 12)	33	12 or more (≥ 12)	35
2	More than 5 but less than 12 (> 5 to < 12)	45	6 or more but less than 12 (≥ 6 to < 12)	45
3	3 to 5 (≥ 3 to ≤ 5)	47	more than 3 but less than 6 (> 3 to < 6)	47
4	Less than 3 (< 3)	46	3 or less (≤ 3)	41

Note = owing to hospital merges there are now 168 Trusts / Boards instead of 171.

Increased UK donation activity has led to an increased threshold for each category except Level 1.

34 Trusts / Boards moved up a level.

26 Trusts / Boards moved down a level.

6 Trust / Boards moved 2 levels.

We will once again also be applying letter codes (T=Major Trauma Unit, N = Neuro ICU and P = PICU) but for 2018 wish to add a new C = cardiac ICU.