

Next Level Meetings

Question

When should we re-level and re-hold level meetings?

Background

- In July 2016 hospital Board / Trusts were moved from groupings of three levels of donation activity to four.
- We re-levelled in June 2018.
- There is no formula that a certain level generates a certain investment of CLOD and SNOD time. But CLOD PA allocation and SNOD time does follow activity.
- Levels are predominantly used for allowing the comparing of 'like with like', so that comparator data can be shared, and education/performance level meetings can be held.
- We held successful and well evaluated level meetings:
 - December 2016 – March 2017 (4 level meetings + paediatrics by Skype)
 - January 2019 (Level 1, Level 2 and combined Level 3&4) and a June 2019 paediatric invitational meeting.
- Feedback evaluation suggested we should re-level every two years (with level meetings) with some suggesting every year and others every three years.
- Level allocation since 2016 has been based on actual donors averaged over 2 years.
- Previous to 2016, level allocation was based on potential donors (which proved difficult to define and led to spurious allocation).
- The budget for Level meetings comes out of the annual 'Congress budget'.
- We are due to have a join BTS/NHSBT Congress in February 2021.
- Therefore, level meetings cannot realistically be held until after April 2021. Given Congress is February 2021, and we don't wish to undermine regional collaboratives, immediately post summer 2021 seems a better time to hold level meetings with collaboratives Autumn 2021.

Options

1. Re-level June/July 2020
 - a. Hold level meetings post summer 2021
 - b. Don't hold level meetings
2. Re-level June/July 2021 (3 years)
 - a. Hold level meetings post summer 2021
3. Other?

NODC Decision?