

UKOA update: Finances, ToR and options for future operating

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Funding the UKOA

- The funding model/ membership fee for 21/22 and the summary of spend and income in 20/21 financial year were discussed and agreed with the Board.
- In 20/21 we received member fees from 25 of the 89 member trusts.
- In our first year of charging for membership 20/21 we were in the midst of a pandemic and chose not to restrict membership to only those who had paid.
- However, we will unfortunately have to be less flexible for 21/22 financial year as it would not be fair to those trusts who have contributed to maintain the same offer to those who do not.

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- Currently have 83 trust members (reduced from 89 - due to trust mergers).
- The Board agreed the membership fee for 21/22 and the reduced the membership fee from £2k to £600 (due to a carry-over of income from 20/21 due to reduction in planned activity due to Covid).
- To date we have received responses from 32 trusts confirming membership.
- We request trusts who have not yet responded to do so ASAP.
- We will follow up in the next few days via email/letter with those who have not yet responded.
- Hopefully we will have commitment to run as planned for 21/22.

Plans for 21/22

- Funding for essential resource for the day to day running of UKOA.
- Website development to create a more interactive and informative platform.
- Quarterly events / virtual meetings.
- What we would like to do if we achieve increased funding:
 - Clinical leadership (Chair) resource.
 - Clinical resource to deliver some workstream activity.
 - Additional virtual workstream or training sessions.
 - Develop the library of resources on the website.
 - Potential to hold an annual conference.
 - Link with other organisations as affiliate members to share best practice.
 - Improve networking activity in general.

UKOA: Terms of Reference

- ToR document has been amended/revised for this financial year.
- A copy resides in the members area of the UKOA website for your review.
- Any comments should be addressed to the central UKOA mailbox rnoh.ukoa@nhs.net

Events for 21/22

- Events: Plan to continue the success of quarterly virtual events.
- Dates scheduled are:
 - Wednesday 23rd June 13:00 – 16:00
 - Wednesday 8th September 13:00 – 16:00
 - Wednesday 8th December 13:00 – 16:00
- These will be issued via email in the next week.