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Collaborative Continuum: *Dotterwieich (2006)*

There is a range of organisational forms for cluster teams to consider, once they are clear on the future purpose of their cluster. To be successful, it is important to choose a model with operational functions designed to meet the needs of the cluster - form must follow function – and for teams to have ownership of their chosen model. Successful organisations are large enough to offer economies of scale yet small enough to build trust - 30-50k sized populations seem to be optimum.

Different operational models have different functions and levels of collaboration, from informal networking arrangements through to the highly formalised structures of the Super Partnership and Umbrella Organisation. Final agreement on the model requires buy-in from all cluster practices and key partner organisations, with equality across and within teams.

