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The Board are asked to;

- a. Review, provide feedback and ultimately endorse the partnership protocol.
- b. Review and provide an organogram for the boards sub reporting structures.
- c. Share the boards plans with the chairs of the other strategic boards to agree the leadership and reporting of shared agendas moving forwards.

Where are we now?

- The governance structure can be complex and there isn't a single map of our structures.
- It is difficult to know therefore who is responsible and accountable for priorities.
- There are several 'statutory boards' but there is a lack of connectivity between them about cross cutting themes.
- There are times when there is duplication or gaps e.g. Infant Mortality.

Partnership Protocol

- Many other local areas adopt a partnership protocol.
- The purpose is to provide more efficiency and better outcomes.
- This is however just the start of better system wide approaches to good governance.

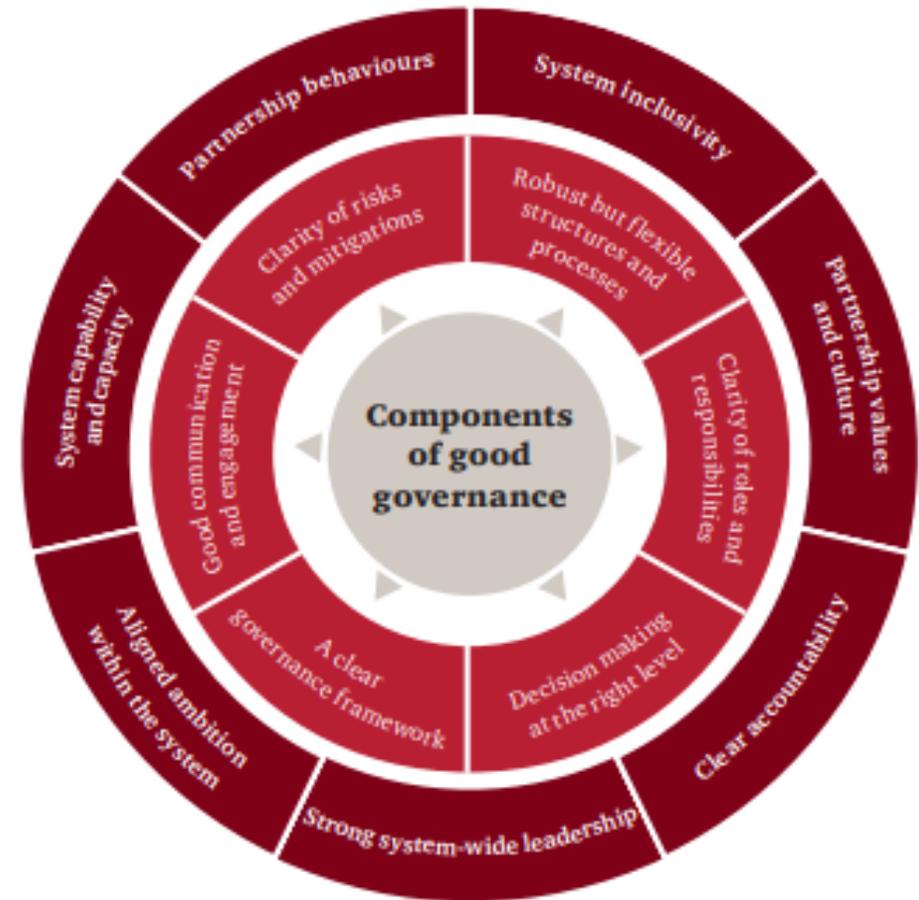
Benefits of the protocol

- Ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of people in Staffordshire are collectively addressed.
- Identify the lead partnership and respective responsibilities and priorities.
- Provide clarity of focus for each partnership body.
- Share appropriate information across partnerships and member organisations to provide greater depth to issues.
- Where there are shared problems, boards will work together to formulate solutions taking a joined-up approach.
- Ensure that a shared approach to reviews of serious cases in the county and the learning to emerge from these informs the right partnerships.

What next....

The protocol is only the start and the following next steps have been defined;

- Chairs continue to meet and discuss joint work and how they can work better together.
- Share board priorities to agree clarity of leadership of agendas moving forwards and also understand partners perspectives on the priorities.
- Map the governance for each of the boards to provide opportunities to review and better alignment with existing structures.



Questions and/or Comments