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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.

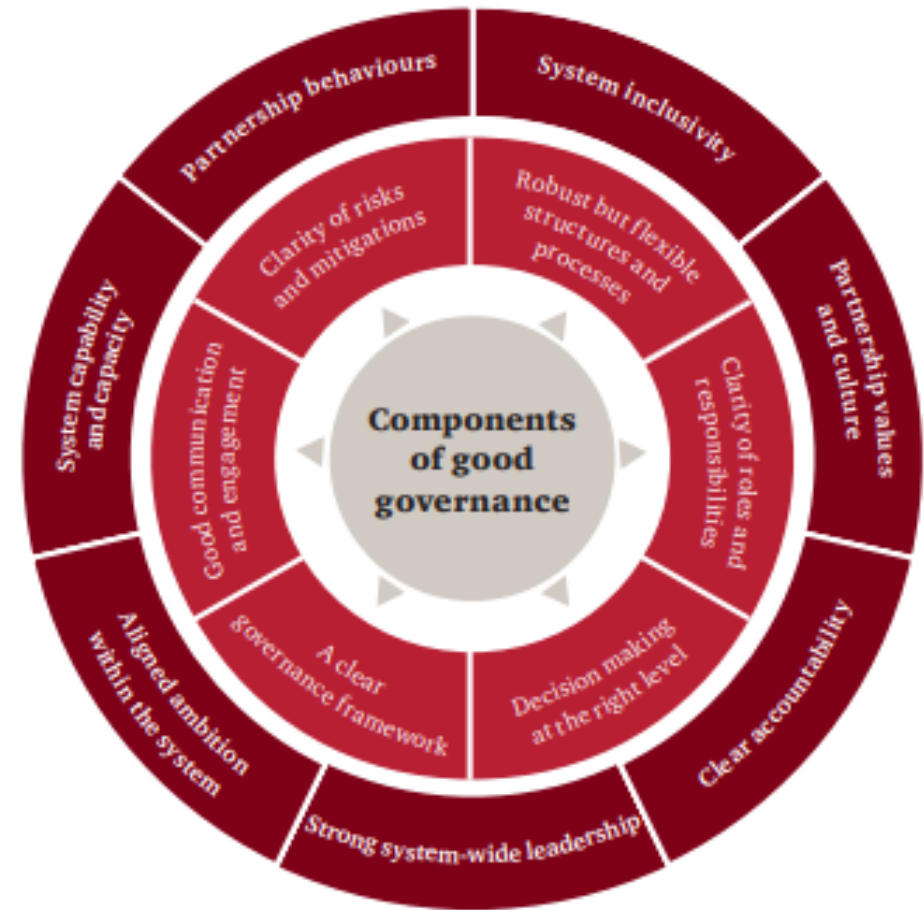
# Benefits of the protocol

- 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