

Attributes of Quality Partnerships

This tool is for use in all phases of the CEIH partnership process.

Partnerships that are effective and sustainable share seven key attributes. These attributes highlight the values and the evidence for quality partnerships that co-create opportunities and solutions. They acknowledge that shared responsibility and sustainable partnership mechanisms are critical for effective responses and addressing healthcare challenges in a more systematic manner.

The attributes can be useful as a check-in 'checklist' when working in partnership and they are reflected across the range of CEIH Partnership tools. The attributes are also valuable when considering how a partnership is progressing using the partnership pulse check.



Transparency and mutual respect

The relationship between partners is characterised by mutual respect and transparent communication



Good governance

An effective governance structure provides accountability for action and supports the partnership's success



Mandate and leadership

An authorising environment provides permission to work in partnership and leadership supports continued engagement in partnership action



Mutual vision and purpose

A clear, shared vision and purpose contributes to the commitment for collaborative action and helps to maintain focus and energy



Co-benefits and collaborative advantage

Working together delivers benefits sought by each partner and impact beyond what could be achieved by working in isolation



Shared resources and support

Partners contribute resources (financial, people, data, supplies or knowledge) relative to their means to facilitate joint ownership and shared responsibility



Consideration of context

Partnerships are aware of and actively respond to (sometimes changing) strategic imperatives, partners' needs and community needs