# Partnership levels

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| Partnership levels | Descriptor | |
| Networking | * Exchanging information to help each other do a better job (mutual benefit)   There is no commitment to become involved beyond networking and does not require a lot of trust. |  |
| Coordinating | * Modifying activities for a common purpose (eg staggering services)   A Coordinating relationship requires more commitment, time and trust than a Networking relationship, but there are more benefits to the community. |  |
| Cooperation | * Sharing resources – people, physical and financial – to help each other to do a better job.   Sharing expertise and resources brings into play not just a high level of commitment and trust, but also working with different organisational cultures and values. Organisations must be prepared to surrender some of their ‘turf’, share ownership and share responsibility. |  |
| Collaboration | * Working together to enhance each other’s capacity to do their jobs * Working together for mutual benefit and a common purpose * Each partner wants to help the others the best way they can * Sharing risks, responsibilities and rewards.   Collaboration It requires a high level of commitment and trust, similar values and a common philosophy. Organisational culture may also be part of the collaborative relationship, especially in cross-sectoral partnerships. |  |
| Integration | * Systems and processes become one across the partners |  |