This series of brief guidance notes is aimed at helping managers and practitioners understand and apply the evidence of best practice in partnership to their own practice. Based on extensive review of the literature, it provides short and practical guides, with review questions on:

1. Why work in Partnership?
2. What is Partnership?
3. The Scottish Policy Context for Partnership
4. Barriers to Partnership
5. The Characteristics of Successful Partnerships
6. Partnership Assessment and Development Toolkits

The concept of partnership working we are referring to here relates to inter-organisational issues rather than the relationship between individual clients and professionals.

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