



SURVEY ITEMS FOR THE COLLABORATION HEALTH ASSESSMENT TOOL

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CHAT survey items

Survey items 1-28 comprise the Collaboration Health Assessment Tool (CHAT). Items were either developed by the research team or adapted from other studies [1-4].

Items 1 – 28 are all scored on a 1-5 scale: Strongly disagree (1), disagree, neither disagree nor agree, agree, or strongly agree (5).

1. Those affected by the issue are members of this collaboration
2. Community needs inform our collaboration's responses
3. Our collaboration has a diverse range of members (e.g. funders, local government reps, community members)
4. The collaboration reviews and shares its findings
5. Communication among partners is effective (promotes understanding, cooperation, and transfer of information)
6. This collaboration has an external communication strategy to help achieve our goals
7. We seek out different viewpoints to find alternative solutions
8. We have a practice of regular reflection to ensure we learn as we go
9. Our collaboration is continuously building support and buy in at a leadership level
10. There is clear urgency across my community to address the issue
11. This collaboration has designed a safe environment in which disagreements and conflicts between members can be discussed
12. Collaboration members trust one another
13. Our collaboration has clearly defined the problem that it wishes to address
14. Partners understand why collaboration is required to address the problem
15. Partners have a clear understanding of what a collaborative approach requires
16. We use common language to describe our approach
17. We have separate funding for coordinating our collaboration's activities
18. We can access the data we need
19. There are sufficient funds to sustain collaboration operations for the next two years
20. We have skills/expertise/specialisation to address the goals of the collaboration
21. Your organisation feels it worthwhile to stay and work within the collaboration
22. All partners participate in decision-making
23. Partners have sufficient authority to commit their organisations to decisions
24. Partners are willing to distribute power to achieve our goals
25. We have a system in place by which progress toward shared goals is measured
26. Each partner's areas of responsibility are clear and understood
27. Partners feel ownership in the results/products of their work
28. We have a system in place to evaluate how well our collaboration is performing



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