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# Partnership Principles & Practices

Dialogue Forum with Voluntary Organisations

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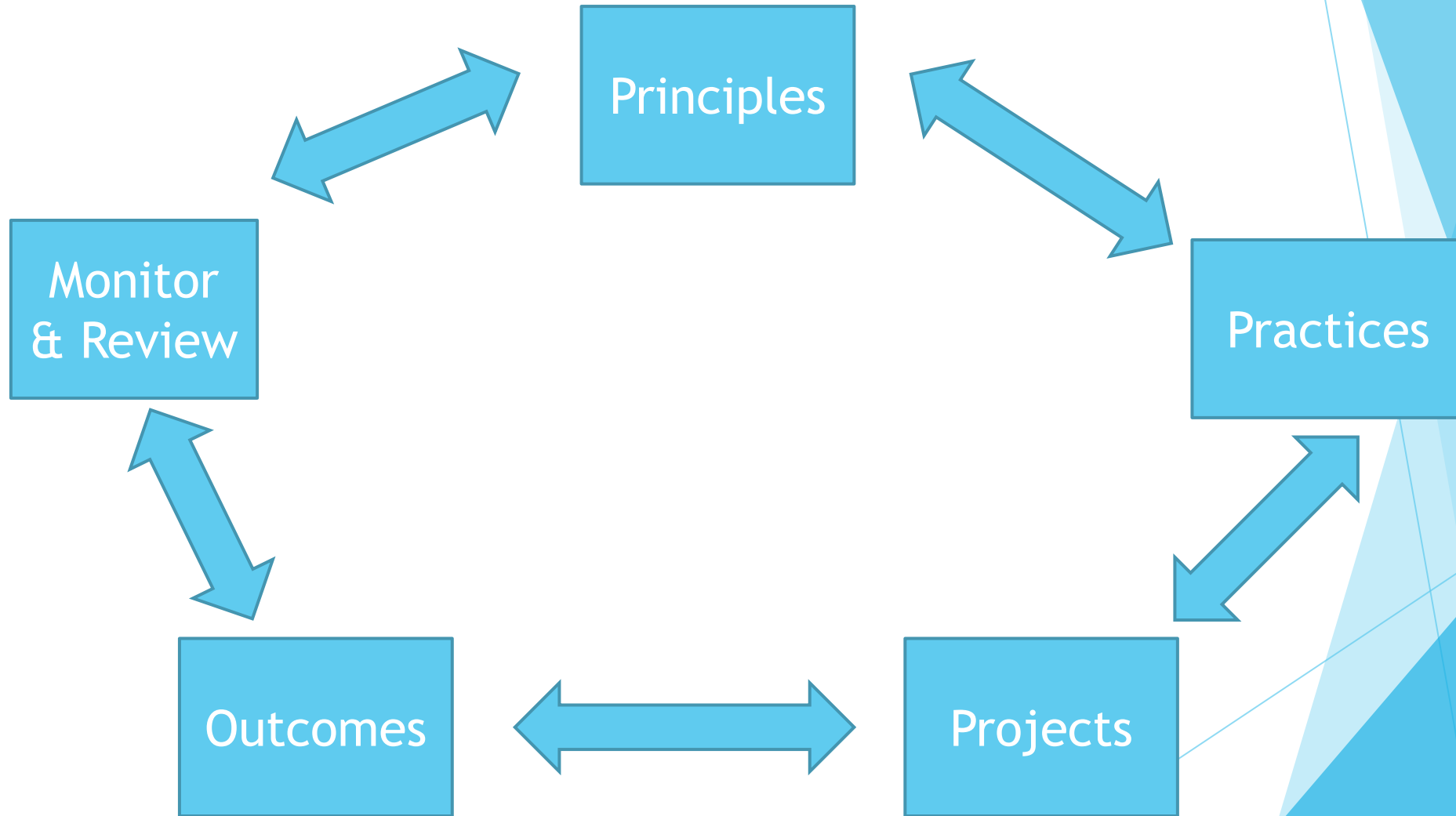
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## Partnership Principles

- ▶ **Hybrid healthcare system; mutual interdependency**
- ▶ **Health Dialogue Forum:** building more collaborative & productive relationships between state and voluntary sector organisations is key to delivering the transformative reform envisaged by Sláintecare and achieving better quality, people-centred health and personal social services.
- ▶ Sub-Group was established to develop an agreed set of partnership principles
- ▶ Partnership Principles should be considered as part of a dynamic virtuous cycle --principles, practices, projects, outcomes and monitoring and review



# Building a New Relationship: A Dynamic & Virtuous Cycle



# Covid-19 - Partnership in Action in Real Time

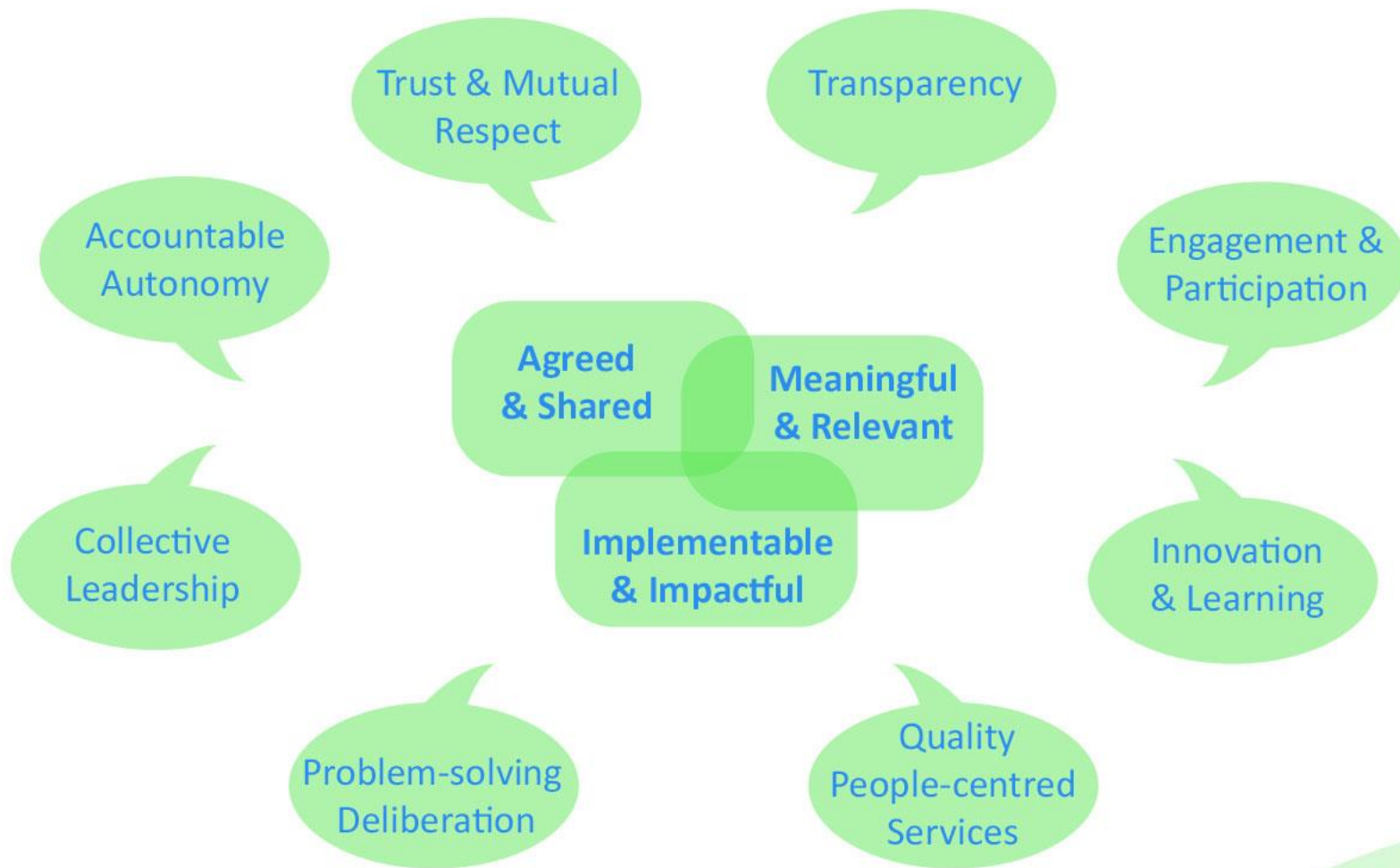
- ▶ Collaborative, innovative and flexible national response to an unprecedented national health crisis
- ▶ Voluntary Sector - remarkable degree of change management; pace & scale
- ▶ Characterised by the emergence of more collaborative and productive relationships between the statutory and voluntary sectors -
- ▶ Demonstrated
  - ▶ The mutual benefits of a partnership-style approach
  - ▶ Change was possible
- ▶ ‘*Tight and Loose*’ - towards Accountable Autonomy
- ▶ Mutual interdependency
- ▶ Surfaced the principles that could inform and guide future relations

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## Partnership Principles

*Building A New Relationship between Voluntary Organisations and the State in the Health and Social Care Sectors*

*We recognise the critical role that voluntary organisations play in our hybrid system*



# Agenda for Change

- ▶ *Have to be lived rather than laminated*
- ▶ Emanate from real time experience - collectively they represent an agenda for change in how things are done
- ▶ Agenda for change has to be owned, embraced and championed
- ▶ Commitment to changing behaviours and relationships - principles have to be embedded in structures, projects and processes
- ▶ Difficult, contentious and messy - Not just for global pandemics!
- ▶ Complex and integrated set of challenges facing the healthcare sector
- ▶ Tangible benefits of cooperation and integrated working
- ▶ Maintaining and deepening collaborative and productive relationships is now more important than ever

*“The new ways of working together transcend our current predicament and will set the tone for the future delivery of high quality, integrated healthcare in this country.”*

(Paul Reid, 2021)



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Thank you

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