

Glossary

Confidentiality	Confidentiality (which is about data) involves restricting the flow of information. The term that applies to something that has the quality of being confidential, secret or privileged. (Black's Law Dictionary)
Discovery	A category of procedural devices employed by a party to a civil or criminal action, prior to trial, to require the adverse party to disclose information that is essential for the preparation of the requesting party's case and that the other party alone knows or possesses (http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/discovery).
Distributed Expertise	Collective competence spread across systems that is drawn upon to accomplish specific tasks.
Expertise Diversity	When a range of different profession(al)s work together.
Linkage Agreement	The linkage agreement defines how the MDT will transfer relevant information to individuals who provide direct services but are not officially part of the MDT.
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	MOUs are formal agreements between two or more parties that outline the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of each party, a document that is typically signed annually.
Mission Statement	A mission statement defines the purpose of the MDT and reflects initial decisions.
Multidisciplinary Team	A group of people, bound by a common purpose, and characterized by sharing, partnership, interdependency, balanced power, and process.
Policy	A policy is a plan or course of action intended to influence and determine decisions, actions, and all activities that take place within the boundaries set by them.
Privacy	The right that determines the nonintervention of secret surveillance and the protection of an individual's information. Privacy is about protecting people. (Black's Law Dictionary)
Procedures	Describes the steps taken to complete a specific function in the day-to-day operations of the organization.
Protocols	Documents that store information about how the MDT is going to operate (i.e., the procedures).
Vision Statement	A statement of the MDT's view of the future.