

5. SYSTEM RESPONSE



Domestic abuse services **have generally felt positive** regarding the **partnerships** and **collaboration** they had experienced within commissioning processes during 2023-24.



Over **two thirds** (67.5%) either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, 'There has been **positive collaboration** and **relationships** with other partners.'



Local Partnership Boards seem to be improving compared to previous years and work as a strong mechanism to support collaborative working on safe accommodation. The annual survey found that 65.0% of services were represented on their Local Partnership Board in 2023-24 and open-ended responses in our annual survey demonstrate mostly positive experiences of membership on these boards.



Nonetheless, **some reservations remain** regarding whether the voice of the domestic abuse sector is sufficiently listened to within these forums.