“In collective leadership cultures, responsibility and accountability function simultaneously at both individual and collective levels. They breed regular reflective practice focused on failure, organisational learning and making continuous improvement an organisational habit. By contrast command and control leadership cultures invite the displacement of responsibility and accountability onto a single individual, leading to scapegoating and a climate of fear of failure rather than an appetite for innovation.” (West et al 2014).

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