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Expression of Interest for position of Co-Chair for the  
Provider Engagement Locality Groups

Please complete and return by post or e-mail by the 14<sup>th</sup>  
November 2008.

Name - RICHARD NEWCOMBE

Organisation - NEWCARE (DEVON) LTD

Service Area - SOUTH AND WEST, EXETER, EAST & MID DEVON

Locality Area that you wish to Co-Chair - SOUTH/WEST OR  
EXETER/EAST/MID DEVON

In no more than 200 words please state what you feel you can  
bring to the role of Co-Chair and why your colleagues should vote  
for you.

As a director of NewCare Devon Ltd I have been an independent provider of domiciliary care service to the local authority for 8, years. Prior to that I was a manager within the social; service department.

NewCare Devon is a 5500 hours / week family run business. We provide care on both block and spot contracts. In addition the company provides specialist care and enabling to clients with physical disability and mental health problems.

We have sought to work closely with the local authority believing that it is essential for us to engage positively with our primary customer. To this end I have been involved in many strategic planning and reference groups including local domiciliary care forums in Exeter and Teignbridge. I am a founder member the Devon Independent Care Providers Association and have served as chairman for two terms.

Despite some concerns about their size, I am very pleased the authority are proposing to re introduce local forums. Their are many challenges facing local authorities and their providers, demographic change, personalisation, 'e mointoring, economic downturn / further budget restriction. However overriding all is the success of community based care provision and its place as the corner stone of private and government funded care. Give people the choice and they will choose to have care provide to them within their community. Our task and that of the new forums will be to make that happen.