

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

**Please complete and return by email to either:**

**[Southprovidersgroup-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Southprovidersgroup-mailbox@devon.gov.uk)**

**[Northprovidersgroup-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Northprovidersgroup-mailbox@devon.gov.uk)**

**[Eastprovidersgroup-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Eastprovidersgroup-mailbox@devon.gov.uk)**

**The deadline is 12:00pm on Thursday 14th January 2010**

Name..... Carol Barkwell

Organisation...Lyndridge Care

Service Area.. All

Locality Area that you wish to Co-Chair (please tick)

North

East

South

**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;**

I have been actively involved in the care industry for over 30 years, and experienced many changes over this time, especially of late. There continues to be challenging times ahead with difficulties caused by the economic climate squeezing budgets, CQC new regulations and Social Services developments, evolving technology and increasing expectations of the client groups.

I started my career in nursing becoming an SRN in 1980 and established a residential home—Lyndridge opening in 1990. In 1993, the domiciliary care agency was started, and in 2000 the first Supported Living Unit was opened with dedicated units for those with learning difficulties in 2004.

I currently helping some of our clients set up Made-Well (a not for profit Community Interest Company) offering employment and life skills/ training in horticulture, farming and retail at the “Grow, Cook, Eat” project for local disadvantaged and marginalised people.

Having built a successful business and grown it organically to achieve an eclectic mix of provision employing 140 staff, we have gained much learning from our years of involvement. I enjoy helping other organisations to look at delivering care in ever changing ways.

As a company we work with ACS and DCT to encourage good training and career pathways for our staff. I have been actively involved with DICPA representing home care.

I believe that my in depth understanding of the market and clients needs/wishes coupled with my skills, drive and enthusiasm would be of benefit to helping develop and move forward initiatives