

**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

Northprovidersgroup-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Eastprovidersgroup-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

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

Name: Rosemary Witherby

Organisation: Helping Hands Exmouth Ltd

Service Area: East Devon

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 am the managing director of a medium sized domiciliary care company operating within East Devon, but predominantly the Exmouth area. The last twenty four years has given me untold experience in the ups and downs of working in the care sector. Throughout this time I have been involved with Devon County and have developed good working relationships at all levels.

In 2009 I was co-opted by the co-chairs of the provider engagement locality forum to represent the community based services sector in East Devon. Throughout this time I have been actively involved in attending meetings and this has started meaningful discussions and joint working as we move into challenging times.

I am also chair of the Devon Independent Providers Association and have been a committee member of Devon Care Training since its conception. Working with organisations who provide different types of services over the years has led to a greater understanding of the sector as a whole.

I am committed to developing good routes of communication, and giving a truly representative voice as to how we can develop and provide quality services that are required across all areas.