

**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

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

Name: R P Hasbrig-Hartley (Phil Hartley)

Organisation: Hartley Home Care

Service Area: North and Mid 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 have been the Deputy Co-Chair of the North Devon Forum since September 2009 and, during that short period, I have managed already to fulfil my promise to initiate top level meetings between DCC representatives and the Independent sector providers under the chairmanship of Councillor Stuart Barker, the portfolio holder.

Whilst we still have a long way to go in finding answers to all the problems that face us in the field of care provision, the new level of discussion has had the effect of producing a new "co-operative" relationship between purchasers and providers. I feel that I can continue to help with the initiative by keeping the special requirements of the care providers in North Devon in the forefront of those discussions. I have managed to ensure that one of those special requirements (the need for DCC to recognise the fact that rural care provision is much more difficult and expensive to provide than care in an urban setting) is one aspect that is being discussed positively by the purchasers as a result of my initiative.

It is necessary to have a person as Co-Chair of the Forum who will get results for the Care Providers in the area. In short, I feel that I have the will, the experience and also the track record to represent the problems of the North Devon Care Providers to DCC in such a way as to get results for the care providers of the area.