

**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....Richard Newcombe.....

Organisation...NewCare (Devon) Ltd.....

Service Area...South, East and Mid Devon....

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

North

East

South **X**

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 Director of NewCare (Devon) Ltd. I have been a provider of Domiciliary and Community Based care services for 10 years. Prior to that I was a manager within the DCC social service department.

NewCare is major care provider some 6500 hours / week. We are family run business providing domiciliary care services to the elderly and specialist community care services to clients with physical disability and mental health problems.

I have been closely involved with the promotion of the private sector and in particular our relationship with the local and health authorities for many years both as a Chairman of the Devon Independent Care Providers Association and as a current co-chair of this forum.

The forums have survived their first year, but there are ongoing issues about their structure and efficacy. Flawed or otherwise the forums give us the opportunity to promote the work we do and I would relish the opportunity to carry on the work we have started.

There is no doubt that the next few years will be a challenge, although we will see a rise in demand for service the current economic climate and restraint on public sector spending is a reality we cannot avoid. To make progress will need to support the forums and be prepared to both challenge and support the LA as appropriate. With the support of the forum members I believe I have the knowledge experience and profile to continue the task. Thanks for giving the forum your support.