

A Rural Health Strategy for Devon

Briefing Paper

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper outlines the proposal by Devon Primary Care Trust to produce a Rural Health Strategy for Devon

2. Scope

- 2.1 The strategy will acknowledge the rural perspective of the wider determinants of health but the major focus will be health improvement and healthcare and treatment issues. The work of the Institute of Rural Health (March 2005) provides a basis from which to work.

3. Strategy

- 3.1 The strategy will set out;
- Health and wellbeing issues in relation to rural health
 - Data that relates to rural health issues
 - Evidence of good practice
 - Recommendations for actions and interventions in Devon

4. Process

- 4.1 A multi-agency task group will be established, facilitated by the Directorate of Public Health in Devon Primary Care Trust. The group will work through to the Devon Healthier and Stronger Communities Partnership to produce a draft strategy by September 2009. The Lead Officer for the delivery of the strategy will be the Head of Health Policy (see appendix 1).

5. Devon Rural Network

- 5.1 The Devon Rural Network is invited to endorse the proposal and suggest a nominee to represent the Network on the multi-agency task group.

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Accountability and Reporting Processes

The following diagram below shows the relationship between the Stronger Communities and Health Improvement Group and other key groups and partnerships.

