

Item 3 Partners Up-date

Organisation	South Hams Voluntary Sector Forum
Date	8 June 2009
Summary of Progress	The Forum enables voluntary groups within the South Hams to meet and gain an insight into each others area of working. The CVS update the Forum on issues for voluntary groups such as Charity Commission, CRB changes, funding opportunities, etc. Most recently the Forum heard from the Farm Crisis Network, the Complex Care Team, RNID, Stroke Association. The Forum members also have an opportunity to update the group on their organisation.
Current / Shared Issues	<p>Many Forum members are caring groups and all speak of the lack of transport for patients and their families living in rural areas to the main hospitals - Derriford and Torbay.</p> <p>Funding is always an important area for voluntary sector organisations and with the current economic climate some groups have experienced problems in finding continuation funding for their particular projects.</p> <p>The integration of health and social care and the setting up of the Complex Care Team has identified the need for voluntary sector organisations to meet the support needs of many people living in the rural area.</p>
SHSP action recommended	Raise the issues above within the SHSP to enable affordable access to transport and to ensure that statutory responsibilities do not shift to the voluntary sector without the appropriate funding packages being in place.