

Item 3i Partner Updates

Organisation	South Hams Community & Voluntary Services (CVS)
Date	14 December 2009
Summary of Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Hams CVS has been updating and reviewing information held about Voluntary and Community organisations (VCOs) operating in the South Hams. Information regarding VCOs supporting health and social care in the area has been compiled to support VCS sector representatives on Complex Care Teams. • South Hams CVS has been instrumental in setting up the Ivybridge Caring group which is now starting to operate a befriending and support service in the area. • South Hams CVS is continuing to run the Ivybridge Community office in the South Devon Innovation Centre at the Watermark, Ivybridge, part funded by DCC councillor Roger Croad. • Numbers of potential volunteers looking for opportunities continue to rise. • Free training for VCOs in setting up social enterprises and 'Commissioning & Procurement - Understanding Tendering' have been delivered to local VCOs.
Current / Shared Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of recession on VCOs.
SHSP Action Recommended	<p>Partners are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify possible opportunities for collaboration, partnership, resource sharing with VCOs. • let the Volunteer Centre know of any volunteering opportunities in their organisations. • encourage use of the Community Office at the Watermark, through the CVS.