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Report of the Interim Director of Primary Care

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PROVISION OF PRIMARY CARE IN RURAL AREAS

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The report is being presented at the request of the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities as a follow up to the report presented to the Commission on 17 September 2012 on the provision of Primary Care in Rural Areas.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Commission to comment on the report.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

3.1 This is part of the PCT's responsibilities to ensure good access to Primary Care.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Background information is detailed in the attached report at annex 1

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 Key issues are highlighted in the attached report at annex 1

6. IMPLICATIONS

There are no planned changes to the services located in the Peterborough rural areas.

Responsibility for commissioning Primary Care services transfer to the National Commissioning Board on 1st April 2013.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 None

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 To report back to the Commission at a future meeting after the transfer of Primary Care Services on 1 April 2013.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

9.1 None

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Report on Provision of Primary Care in Rural Areas – Annex 1