

Parliamentary Inquiry: Rural Health and Social Care

Session 1: Tuesday 30th October 2018 – Committee Room 17, House of Commons (11.15-13:00)

Key Lines of Inquiry	Witnesses	Timings
Welcome and Introductions	Anne Marie Morris MP	11.15-11.25
What do we mean by “rural”? There are different types of rural settings: Cumbria, Surrey and Devon are for example very different. How important is the spatial context of a place as a starting point for planning key services?	Stephen Hall – Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	11.25-11.35
What is the relevance of sparsity, infrastructure and deprivation? What do we mean by deprivation in a rural setting? How do we currently take account of these issues in our planning and strategy development and do we do it effectively? Do we need improved identification of the “hidden” nature of isolated pockets of rural deprivation which are masked by the relative affluence of surrounding areas?	Rashmi Shukla , Regional Director Midlands & East, Public Health England	11.35-11.45
There is a preponderance of over 65 year olds in rural areas - what are the impacts on health and care needs – and medical training?	Dr Robert Lambourn – Royal College of GPs, Rural Forum	11.45-11.55
Rural areas suffer problems with recruitment across the spectrum of health and adult social care– how do these manifest themselves? What are the threats arising from them and how do we address them? Does this cover some occupations and services more than others and if so how?	George Bramley – University of Birmingham, City-REDI (Regional Economic Development Institute)	11.55-12.05
Could technology play a central role in rural health and care? What are the features of rural health challenges it could overcome? What are the practical issues to be addressed in using it? Where are there sustainable examples of good practice?	Professor Clive Ballard – Pro-Vice Chancellor & Executive Dean, University of Exeter Medical School.	12.05-12.15
What is the impact of housing on the key features of rural health and care? Is there enough of the right type of housing to enable people to stay at home into their old age in rural communities? What are the challenges to housing supply in the context of vulnerable old people and people with disabilities in rural settings? Are there examples of rural innovation?	Martin Collett – Operations Director English Rural Housing Association – Chair of National Housing Federation Rural Housing Alliance	12.15-12.25
What are the cost drivers in rural settings? How do these apply to people’s lives generally? How do they manifest themselves in relation to the health and care agenda?	Phil Confue , Lead for Strategy and Planning: Countywide Services – Chief Executive Officer, Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – Cornwall and Isles of Scilly STP Programme Director William (Billy) Palmer Senior Fellow in Health Policy – Nuffield Trust	12.25– 12.35
Summing up and an opportunity for any final questions	Anne Marie Morris MP and Professor Richard Parish	12.35 – 1.00