

COULD YOUR ORGANISATION HELP PROVIDE FOOTCARE SERVICES IN DEVON ?

Foot care services are being set up across Devon as part of a Department of Health funded project called 'My Life, My Choice'

Following recent surveys of older peoples concerns, it emerged that a major worry for them was maintaining healthy feet - how to get toenails cut and feet looked after. The impact of uncomfortable or painful feet on an older person's mobility, confidence and safety from falls, was found to be considerable.

The project is looking for voluntary sector organisations to set up and provide a foot care service in East Devon, North Devon and West Devon.

- Each scheme will be given initial funding to set up the scheme and recruit volunteers to carry out the toe nail cutting.
- The volunteers will be fully trained and supported by an NHS podiatrist and will be working as part of a team of volunteers. You will always have an experienced member of staff by your side.
- A charge of £5.50 will be made for the toe nail cutting service to provide an income for the scheme.
- External support from the NHS will also be provided in the first year free of charge.

'My Life, My Choice' is a partnership project between health trusts, social services and the voluntary sector, aimed at improving the way we provide care for older people in Devon.

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If you are interested in finding more about setting up a foot care scheme please call **Lorna Allen** on **01392 383228** or email: lorna.allen@devon.gov.uk

