

One Eastern Devon Partnership

In July 2025 we conducted a survey of the approximately 90 members of the One Eastern Devon Partnership. We asked members to reflect on what they bring, what they need, and how they'd like to shape the future. The following is a summary with insights from the 27 responses.

We asked three questions

- What do you feel you bring to the partnership?
- What do you hope to gain from the partnership?
- How would you like to be involved going forward?

How Are We Feeling About the Partnership?

Key Themes:

- *People bring experience, representation, and passion* — especially from VCSE, rural charities, and local government.
- *They want insight, connection, and practical collaboration.* There's appetite for action, not just discussion.
- *Most want to be more involved* — via working groups, meetings, and co-producing solutions.
- *But barriers remain:* some don't feel sure of their role, and some don't yet see their contribution making an impact.

Next Steps:

- Make engagement opportunities clearer and more varied
- Reconnect with those who haven't yet responded
- Consider a follow-up survey or workshop to explore barriers further, for example: *"Still unclear what the group aims to achieve or how decisions are made."*

Common challenges included:

- Lack of clarity about purpose/impact
- Uncertainty around roles or expectations
- Limited time or competing priorities

In summary

What do you bring?	Strong community insight, representation, and health knowledge
What do you want to gain?	Connection, clarity on direction, and better collaboration
How do you want to be involved?	More active roles, clearer input routes, some uncertainty

What you said

A majority highlighted collaboration and knowledge-sharing as key goals.

People value the partnership.

- “It’s been incredibly valuable.”
- “Excellent networking and insight.”

What do you feel you bring to the partnership?

“Voluntary sector expertise and insight together with the voice of the sector from on-the-ground engagement.”

“Experience of a primary care provider and access to health care on the high street.”

“The voices of people with a learning disability and autistic people who are often not heard and experience health inequalities.”

“District Council representation from an experienced Public Health professional.”

“When it comes to inequalities, it looks like OED is focused on those in need, including those in need all the time, sometimes, or just at particular times... What I would like to bring... is a potential route for drawing services and resources into the heart of communities so that services and their recipients are not siloed.”

What do you hope to gain from the partnership?

“Meaningful insights into emerging local NHS policy with the ability to influence it as a key strategic partner — however I don’t think this is really what the partnership has been set up to do.”

“Shared understanding and working together to improve the lives of children.”

“Our attendance helps us understand the strategic approach... This is invaluable in ensuring our ‘direction of travel’ aligns with that of our partners.”

How would you like to be involved going forward?

“I will come to meetings as often as possible and get involved in discussions and decisions.”

“Included in papers/meeting invitations/opportunity to share projects and seek wider support.”

“To contribute my ASC knowledge and skills to the work that we’re doing and share relevant knowledge of DCC work.”