

Trust Board Briefing Paper	
Reference Number:	TB144/13/K
Date of Meeting:	23 June 2022
Presenting Director:	Neil Martin
Subject:	Rural Needs Monitoring Report 2021/22 - details the work the Trust has done to ensure effective implementation of the Rural Needs Act 2016.
Purpose: Approval/Noting	Under Section 3(1)(a) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 the Trust must complete the attached monitoring form annually on its implementation the Rural Needs Act 2016. This report provides a summary of activity over the last financial year.
Background:	The Rural Needs Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 establishes a duty on the Trust to have “due regard to rural needs” and undertake a Rural Needs Impact Assessment when “developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans, and when designing and delivering public services”. The Act also establishes a duty on the Trust to monitor its ‘due regard’ activity and report on this on an annual basis by submitting a Rural Needs Annual Monitoring Report to DAERA.
Papers Attached: Rural Needs Monitoring Report 2021/22	
Conclusion/ Action Required: Trust Board is asked to endorse the attached annual Rural Needs Monitoring Report 2021/22 for publication and submission to DAERA	