

Trust Board Briefing Paper	
Reference Number:	TB158/10/E
Date of Meeting:	27 th June 2024
Presenting Director:	Neil Martin, Director of Strategic Planning, Performance and ICT
Subject:	Rural Needs Monitoring Report 2023/24
Purpose: Approval/Noting	For Approval
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.
Rural Needs Monitoring Report 2023/24 Purpose: 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. Action Required Trust Board is asked to approve the attached annual Rural Needs Monitoring Report 2023/24 for publication and submission to DAERA.	