



<b>Paper No. SET/37/21</b>	
	<b>Tick One ✓</b>
For discussion	
For approval	✓
For information/noting	

**Date of Trust Board Meeting:** 23 June 2021

**Confidential or Public Agenda:** Public Agenda

**Agenda item:** 7.2 – Rural Needs Annual Monitoring Report 2020/21

### 1.0 Introduction

The Trust is required to produce an annual monitoring return to ensure compliance with Rural Needs Act 2016.

### 2.0 Background information

The Rural Needs Act 2016 means that from 1 June 2018 the Trust has a legal duty to ensure due regard is paid to the consideration of the social and economic needs of service users in rural areas when developing, adopting, implementing and revising policies, strategies and plans and when designing and implementing public services.

The information for 2020/21 has been requested for return to DEARA by 30 June 2021.

### 3.0 Brief summary of key points contained in the paper/s

The appendix attached documents the rural needs screening templates which have been completed by Trust Leads for 2020/21 where an impact on rural needs has been identified. It also highlights how the Trust has had due regards to rural needs when developing, adopting, implementing or revising the relevant policy, strategy or plan or when designing or delivering the public service.

### 4.0 Recommendation/s for the Trust Board

To approve the 2020/21 rural needs annual monitoring return for submission to DEARA.

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**Date:** 09.06.21