

AGENDA ITEM: 15 h

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**8 MARCH 2005**

**SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL**

**PROGRESS REPORT**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board with an update on the progress of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the content of the report.

**PROGRESS OF THE PANEL**

3. The panel is coming to its conclusion of its review of the changes to the Fair Access to Care Services (FACS) Policy. In terms of the evidence gathering at the Panel's meeting on 9 February, Members received evidence from the service area regarding the operation of the Validation Panel. The panel, made up of senior officers from social services, meets to ensure that there is consistency in its assessments of service users. A small number of members from the scrutiny panel are to attend a Validation Panel meeting on 9 March to view its operation for themselves and report their findings back to the panel.
4. For the final evidence gathering session members of the panel are going to meet with service users and carers at the Lansdowne Centre in order to hear their views on the impact of the change in the FACS policy.
5. The panel's final meeting on 22 March will be to agree the final report and recommendations.

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