

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

12 JULY 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.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

2. Since the last update to the Board the panel concluded its programme for 2004/05 with a final meeting which was open to all Councillors to enable their consultation with Social Services on the Green Paper 'Independence, Well-being and Choice'
3. Following the Council's Annual General Meeting on 18 May the membership of the panel was agreed as follows:
 - Cllr Charles Rooney – Chair
 - Cllr Liz Ward – Vice Chair
 - Cllr Dorothy Davison
 - Cllr Walter Ferrier
 - Cllr Brian Hubbard
 - Cllr John Jones
 - Cllr Oscar Jones
 - Vacancy
 - Co –opted Members – J McCowat, Elizabeth Briggs, June Holt
4. The panel met on 7 June to discuss the future work programme that has subsequently been agreed by the Board. The panel will begin with the review into Developing Learning Disability Services then will look into the Services for Carers and if time allows the final review will be into the Effective Multi Agency Working Practices.
5. The panel met on 28 June in order to receive a presentation that would set the scene for the first review into the development of learning disability services. However the Head of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services was unable to attend and the presentation has been rescheduled for the next meeting in July. In order to keep the review to timetable the meeting with service users will now take place at an additional time outside of the schedule of set meetings.

6. Despite not receiving the 'setting the scene' presentation the panel were able to establish the draft aim of the review and the terms of reference. They will be considered at the next meeting, however they may of course be amended following any information which may come to light as a result of the presentation from Social Services.

RECOMMENDATION

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

**COUNCILLOR CHARLES ROONEY
CHAIR OF THE SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL**