

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

6 SEPTEMBER 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 is continuing with its review of the Development of Learning Disability Services.
3. The panel met on 23 August to receive evidence from a variety of officers from Social Services to hear the Council's policy direction with regards to caring for people with learning disabilities. Members heard evidence about how Person Centre Planning was at the heart of the Council's transition process and the possible financial impact of the projected numbers of people with learning disabilities requiring Adult Social Services in the future.
4. At the panel's next meeting Members will receive evidence on how the Council's Children's Services and the Connexions service are involved with young people's transition from Children's Services to Adult Services.
5. In addition to the evidence gathering at the panel meetings, Members will also meet with service users to gain a useful insight into their experiences of the Transition Process. A number of Members will also be attending a meeting of the Social Services' Transition Forum in order to understand how it functions.
6. The panel was also presented with an update on the implementation of recommendations from the reviews of previous Social Care panels. The panel was pleased with the progress made by Social Services, as all recommendations were either complete or partially complete.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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CHAIR OF THE SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL