

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

28 FEBRUARY 2006

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. The panel has begun their review of Services to Carers in Middlesbrough by setting the terms of reference and receiving a 'Setting the Scene' presentation from the Head of Mental Health and Learning Disabilities.
3. The aim and terms of reference are as follows

To assess how the Council is helping to support carers in Middlesbrough.

The draft Terms of Reference are as follows:

- (a) To gain an understanding of the local picture and the issues facing carers in Middlesbrough.
 - (b) To identify how many Carers Assessments are currently being undertaken and whether there is a need to increase the Council's performance in this area?
 - (c) To gain an understanding of how the Council involves carers in the recruitment and training of staff and to establish the benefits of doing this?
 - (d) To gain an understanding of the current range of support offered to carers in Middlesbrough.
 - (e) To identify if that support is meeting carers' needs?
 - (f) To identify the Council's responsibility to its employees who are carers and what are the implications of this responsibility for the Council?
 - (g) To meet with carers' to discuss their experiences of the services they receive?
4. I have also presented the panel's final report on 'Developing Learning Disabilities' to the Executive, the report was received and the Service Response was approved.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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