

AGENDA ITEM: 15 f

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**29 MARCH 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 is continuing to receive evidence as part of its review of services to carers. The panel has heard about how carers assessments are undertaken from one of the Social Workers involved and how the Council involves carers in recruitment and selection.
3. The next meeting of the panel will take place at the new Carers' Centre which is situated in Broadcasting House and the panel members will have chance to view the centre and its facilities. The panel will also receive evidence from the Senior HR Client Officer on how the Council supports own employees who have caring responsibilities.
4. In order to receive members' comments on the Strategic Plan, the panel will also receive a presentation by the Executive Director of Social Care on the relevant chapter – Promoting Healthy Communities for All.
5. In the near future, the panel is also going to visit the Centre again to meet with carers to hear their experiences of what it is like to be a carer and what help they receive or would like to receive in Middlesbrough.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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