

AGENDA ITEM: 12f

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**25 JULY 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 had initially wanted to begin their work programme by considering the Government's zero tolerance approach to the lack of dignity in the care of older people. As an element of this review, the panel wanted to receive further information on the impact of the closure of the Albert Cocks and Levick House Care Homes.
3. Since that panel meeting a decision was taken by the Executive to close the homes, that decision was then called in and the decision will be reviewed by a special OSB meeting on 7 July. In the light of that special OSB meeting the panel considered that at this stage it would be appropriate for the OSB to consider the call in and then for the panel to consider any evidence arising from the call in meeting where appropriate.
4. Although the panel's topic was to consider the dignity in care in relation to the closures of Albert Cocks and Levick House Care homes the panel felt that they would like to pursue the topic further without reference to the closure of the homes. The panel then met on 4 July to discuss ideas for potential terms of reference.
5. At the panel's next meeting, Members will receive a 'setting the scene' presentation for the dignity in care review.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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