

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

19 SEPTEMBER 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's review of Dignity in Care is continuing. The panel met on 15 August and received evidence from the Social Care department on the department's work to introduce a ratings scheme for homes in Middlesbrough. Care homes will receive a rating from 1 to 5, 1 being just above the minimum standard as set by legislation. In order to receive a rating care homes will be assessed by the Council. This information will come from results from surveys that will be carried out on a face to face basis with residents, representatives and staff as well as considering the fabric of the building and the facilities available.
3. The panel's meeting in September was postponed to allow for representatives from the Commission for Social Care Inspection to be able to attend a future meeting and give evidence.
4. In order to facilitate the review the panel members thought that it would be important to visit care homes and see first hand the facilities that are available and to talk to some of the residents. To this end, a number of visits have been arranged in October to a number of care homes and nursing homes in Middlesbrough, which vary in capacity and the facilities that are available.
5. The panel's next meeting is scheduled for 3 October where members will consider evidence regarding how domiciliary care providers ensure that service users are treated with dignity.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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