

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

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SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the progress of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. At the panel's meeting on 16 January Members began their next review. They received evidence on the topic of **Major Adaptations**. Following the 'setting the scene' presentation, Members discussed the possible terms of reference and considered the methods they would like to use in order to gather the information.
3. It was agreed that the panel would hold a half-day meeting on 5 February to receive all the evidence required from the terms of reference.
4. The panel received a great deal of information on 5 February. As part of the evidence gathering Members received performance information from the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) regarding the number of weeks people wait for adaptations compared with other local authorities. The information gave the panel some further questions that they wanted to explore and the panel asked the officers to undertake a benchmarking exercise in order to compare their practices with other authorities to establish if there were any areas of good practice that could be adopted in Middlesbrough. The panel heard this information at their last meeting on 26 February.
5. Also whilst in the process of undertaking the review the Government issued new guidance on the modernisation of the Disabled Facilities Grant. The guidance addressed some of the officers and Members' concerns regarding the administration and funding of the scheme. Members will receive their final evidence on this topic at their meeting on 18 March.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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