

AGENDA ITEM: 7f

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**26 AUGUST 2008**

**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. The panel is continuing with its review of Improving Levels of Employment for People with Disabilities.
3. The panel is due to meet on 18 August and will be looking at areas of innovation, examples of good practice and positive case studies.
4. The Manager from Ayresome Industries will be attending to talk to the panel about their work. North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) were identified for their good practice, particularly in their success in obtaining paid employment for people with learning disabilities for over 16 hours per week. Unfortunately their officers were not able to attend the meeting, however they have sent a DVD for the panel's viewing which includes some examples of how the scheme has successfully found employment for people in their area.
5. At the panel's following meeting in September, various representatives from a number of key stakeholders such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, Job Centre Plus and the Primary Care Trust have been invited. The panel will hold a discussion about how all the services can work better together in order to provide more opportunities for people with disabilities to enter the world of work.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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