

AGENDA ITEM: 8f

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

23 SEPTEMBER 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. Since the last update to the Board the Panel have met on 8 September to hold a discussion with representatives from a number of key stakeholders which included the Citizens Advice Bureau, Job Centre Plus, Primary Care Trust and Learning and Skills Council and officers from Social Care and Regeneration. The panel discussed how all the services can work better together in order to provide more opportunities for people with disabilities to enter the world of work. The meeting went ahead as an information gathering exercise despite being inquorate.
4. The panel will be visiting Ayresome Industries on 17 September to see first hand how the organisation works to provide meaningful employment for people with a disability.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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