

AGENDA ITEM: 11f

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

13 JANUARY 2009

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 last meeting on 18 December Members agreed their terms of reference for their review of 'Supporting Well Being in Later Life'. The aim of the review is as follows:

To ensure that the council and its partners have a clear policy that will enable them to implement the strategic shift required by government to provide early intervention and preventative services for older people.

3. The terms of reference were agreed as follows
 - (a) To define what is meant by the term prevention.
 - (b) To gain an understanding of the Government's policy direction.
 - (c) To gain an understanding of the early intervention/preventative services currently provided for older people by Social Care, Health and the Voluntary Sector.
 - (d) To consider how the Council works with older people in order to provide appropriate services
 - (e) To consider the processes in place to identify people who could benefit from having access to information and/or preventative services.
 - (f) To consider if there are any lessons to be learnt from good practice and in particular the Partnership for Older People Projects (POPP) Programme.

- (g) Assess what the Council and its key partners are doing to ensure the development of appropriate preventative services. Whilst taking into consideration future financial implications.
 - (h) To receive advice and gather evidence from sources the Panel thinks appropriate
4. At the panel's next meeting on 21 January Members will be receiving an update on the previous review into 'Dignity in Care' and in particular the scheme to grade residential homes that had been implemented by the Social Care Department. The review's recommendations included a request to receive an update on the impact of the implementation of the scheme, what work was being undertaken to improve the standards of homes at the lower end of the scale and details of the standards that had been used to grade each home.
 5. The panel will then recommence its review of 'Supporting Well Being in Later Life' at the meeting to be held on 12 February.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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