

AGENDA ITEM: 11f

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

10 FEBRUARY 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 21 January the panel took the opportunity to revisit a previous topic 'Dignity in Care'. The review considered how elderly residents of care homes and those receiving care at home were protected and treated with dignity. As part of the review the panel at the time were informed of a scheme which was being implemented by the Social Care Department which assessed homes and gave them a grading. As a result the panel wanted receive an update on how this was working and the difference the scheme had made.
3. The panel was also interested in the results of the Social Care Survey that asked, amongst other things, if people felt that they were being treated with dignity.
4. The panel found the update really useful and learnt that in 2008 30% of the homes had achieve level four, 50% level three, 13% level 2 and 7% level 1. None of the care homes had achieved level 5 and the average grade was level 3. In respect of service users perceptions of their homes' approach to maintaining their dignity in care 85% had stated that the approach was good or excellent compared with 75% in 2007.
5. The panel will then continue with 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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