

AGENDA ITEM: 8f

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

10 MARCH 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 12 February, Members continued with their review of Preventative Service/Early Intervention by speaking to the Head of Older People and Physical Disabilities. The panel considered what was meant by the term prevention and gained an understanding of the Government's shift in policy direction, which would see a strategic shift from crisis orientated provision towards prevention and improved wellbeing services.
3. The panel will be meeting on 4 March to receive further evidence on this topic and to discuss the preventative services that are currently provided or commissioned by the Council and the potential financial implications of this shift in policy. Members will also consider how the Council identifies people who would benefit from access to information and early intervention services.
4. At the panel's meeting on 25 March, Members will receive a national perspective on this policy from the Deputy Director Social Care and Partnerships (North East, Yorkshire & Humber) from the Care Services Improvement Partnership. It is hoped that information will also be provided about best practice and advice on implementing the Government's policy.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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