

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**7 APRIL 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. Since the last update to the Board the panel have met with representatives from the Department of Health on 25 March in order to receive evidence on the national perspective on the preventive strategy and hear examples of best practice arising from the Partnership for Older People Programme.
3. The panel also wanted to discuss how Councillors could get involved in the preventative strategy and heard that it was a key role for members to ensure that the policy was regarded as high priority. The Social Care Reform Grant has provided new funding to help councils achieve the objective of developing prevention and early intervention services. It was Councillors remit to ask what progress was being made on this and how much has been spent on prevention and early intervention. The panel members also learnt that there was a toolkit available to help Councils plan preventative services. The panel will therefore be addressing those issues at their next meeting on 15 April.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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