

AGENDA ITEM: 12d

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

28 JULY 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 agreed their work programme for 2009/10. The panel chose the following items in the order that they will be undertaken.
 - Improving Levels of Employment for People with Disabilities (Update on past review)
 - Quality in Home Care Services
 - Individual Budgets and Person Centred Planning
 - Citizenship for people with Learning Disabilities
 - Single Point of Access/Accessibility of Information, advice and advocacy (short review)
3. At the panel's next meeting on 23 July Members will be receiving an update from the Social Care Department and the FORWARDS team on the panel's recent review of Improving Levels of Employment for People with Disabilities. The panel will be considering the impact of the recommendations, the numbers of people being helped by the council, the impact in the increase in the number of job coaches and the impact on this work due to the current economic climate.
4. The panel will then begin their first major topic, which is the review of Home Care Services at the subsequent meeting on 12 August where Members will receive a 'Setting the Scene' presentation from the Head of Performance and Planning.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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