



**REPORT TITLE: SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES
SCRUTINY PANEL, PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION
SERVICES IN MIDDLESBROUGH – DEPARTMENTAL
RESPONSE**

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To seek Executive approval of the action plan responding to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel report on Prevention and Early Intervention Services.

BACKGROUND AND EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

2. In December 2007, the Department of Health produced a document which was signed up to by all the various Departments in Government. "Putting People First: A Shared Vision and Commitment to the Transformation of Adult Social Care". This was followed in October 2008 by a further Department of Health publication entitled: "Making a Shift Towards Prevention and Early Intervention".
3. The Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel undertook an investigation of this topic between November 2008 and May 2009 with the overall aim of considering how the Government's policy of making the shift to preventative services in Social Care was being delivered in Middlesbrough.
4. During the course of the investigation, evidence was sought from a number of organisations. This did not, however, include representation from Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust. The PCT Chief Executive has indicated that there is also a

range of preventative health services available to Middlesbrough residents. Examples of these are: cardiovascular disease screening; Lifestore; Healthy Town Programme and the Primary Care Quality and Outcomes Framework. These are key initiatives that support and focus upon prevention.

5. The focus for the Scrutiny Panel was in respect of older people. It has to be recognised that the Putting People First document is aimed at all service user groups, as is the Primary Care Trust's approach to prevention.
6. In order to achieve recommendation (a) this will require commitment from the Practice Based Commissioning Group to engage with Social Care. This is supported by a recommendation of the Health Scrutiny Panel report on Practice Based Commissioning for more collaborative working with the Department of Social Care.
7. In order to achieve recommendations (b) and (c) there maybe a need for financial investment which in the current climate may be difficult to achieve.
8. The overall Departmental response is attached at Appendix 1.

OPTION APPRAISAL/RISK ASSESSMENT

9. Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

10. The Executive approve the action plan attached at Appendix 1.

REASONS

11. The plan seeks to deal with the issues highlighted by the Scrutiny Panel's investigation into prevention and early intervention services.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
Scrutiny Report - Prevention & Early Intervention Services in Middlesbrough dated 2nd July 2009.

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**SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL
PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES IN MIDDLESBROUGH – ACTION PLAN**

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
<p>a) That a joint plan be formulated between the Council's Social Care Department and Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust's Practice Based Commissioning Group to establish appropriate early intervention and preventative services, in consultation with relevant partners.</p>	<p>Middlesbrough PCT will engage with the Practice Based Commissioning Group with a view to seeking a collaborative way of working. Once this has been achieved Social Care will work with the PBC group to formulate a plan to map current services and identify any gaps.</p>	<p>P. Dyson</p>		<p>By July 2010</p>
<p>b) That an audit should be undertaken of low level preventative services, with assistance from the VCS, in order to clearly identify the gaps in service, including the funding arrangements of existing provision.</p>	<p>An audit will be undertaken. The audit should link with recommendation (a) above however. The involvement of Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency (MVDA) is crucial. The outcome of this will be a Directory of Services and an action plan to address any gaps identified.</p>	<p>P. Dyson</p>		<p>By July 2010</p>
<p>c) That the Social Care Department and the Primary Care Trust should undertake further joint work with the VCS with a view to supporting voluntary and community groups and creating additional opportunities for extending a range of activities centred on low level preventative services.</p>	<p>The Social Care Department and PCT will work with voluntary sector organisations to identify what opportunities exist to increase the range of services available. This will link with (b) above.</p>	<p>P. Dyson</p>	<p>Not known at this stage.</p>	<p>By July 2010</p>

<p>d) It was considered important to continue to raise awareness and find ways of identifying a broader range of people with potential needs and pursue current activities such as screening, publicity events and publication of a range of information</p>	<p>The Department will promote activities and provide information to a broad range of people through a range of events and methods, including greater use of the Life Store. Funding for health and social care assistants (“case finders”) has now been secured.</p>	<p>T. Parkinson</p>		<p>July 2010</p>
<p>e) That the department provides an update on the expenditure of the Social Care Reform Grant and that this be provided alongside an overall update to the panel in 12 months time.</p>	<p>The Department will provide an update on expenditure of the Grant to Panel in 12 months time.</p>	<p>Jan Douglas</p>		<p>September 2010</p>