



AGENDA ITEM: 7 (f)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

29 JUNE 2010

SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview & Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the work of the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. The Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel continues with its investigation into Personal Budgets and has met on one occasion since the last update report was provided.
3. At the panel's meeting on 3 June 2010 the panel had the opportunity to hear from two service users / carers who are currently in receipt of a personal budget. The panel heard how provision of a personal budget has enabled both service users and their carers to exercise choice over the type of services they receive and the positive impact that this has had on their lives.
4. Another service user and their family, who were also keen to discuss their experience of having a personal budget met with the Vice Chair and a Member of the panel on 4 June 2010. The family emphasised the difference that a personal budget had made to their lives in enabling them to employ a personal assistant to help support their daughter to access facilities in the community.
5. The panel will be holding its next meeting on 1 July 2010. The panel will be considering the forms of information, advice, advocacy and brokerage that will be offered to support individuals in planning and commissioning their own care via a personal budget.

6. The panel will also be discussing the work programme for 2010/11.
7. Also, for information, the panel appointed Cllr McIntyre as Vice Chair of the Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

8. That the Overview & Scrutiny Board notes the progress of the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. No background papers were used in preparing this report.

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