



**AGENDA ITEM: 10 (f)**

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**27 JULY 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 1 July 2010 the panel considered 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.
4. The panel received information on the department's recently launched online Directory of Services, which contains details about the voluntary and statutory organisations that people may need to know about across Middlesbrough and parts of the Tees Valley. A demonstration was also given of how another local authority has developed a specific website to signpost people to services.
5. The panel also discussed its work programme for 2010/11 and heard about the key challenges facing the department in the year ahead.
6. The panel will be holding its next meeting on 22 July 2010 where it will be receiving an update in respect of its previous review into Improving Levels of Employment for People with Disabilities.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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