



AGENDA ITEM: 13 (f)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

19 OCTOBER 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. Since the last update report to OSB the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel has met on one occasion, on 7 October 2010.
3. The panel has had their first meeting on the topic of Telecare. The meeting involved a 'setting the scene presentation' from the Service Manager and Service Development Officer for Telecare.
4. Members agreed the terms of reference for the review which are as follows:
 - (a) To consider the level of investment in telecare/telehealth in Middlesbrough at present and the future funding arrangements
 - (b) To examine examples of good practice nationally and consider how Middlesbrough compares with neighbouring authorities
 - (c) To consider the charging policy for telecare in Middlesbrough and the impact the policy is having on the level of take up

- (d) To consider the accessibility of telecare and how telecare is marketed and promoted within Middlesbrough
- 5. The panel will continue with its evidence gathering at the next meeting on 28 October 2010 to address the second term of reference above.
- 6. Information will be provided at the meeting about how telecare is provided by the four other local authorities within the Tees Valley. Members will also undertake a visit to the Independent Living Centre to observe the telecare equipment in operation.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9. No background papers were used in preparing this report.

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