



AGENDA ITEM: 10 (f)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

16 NOVEMBER 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 28 October 2010.
3. At that meeting Members undertook a visit to the Independent Living Centre to observe the telecare equipment in operation and find out about the various pieces of equipment that are available to enable people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.
4. Comparative information was also provided at the meeting about the way in which telecare is provided by the four other local authorities within the Tees Valley.
5. The Panel was also keen to find out about best practice nationally with regard to the delivery of telecare and a DVD interview with the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services at Sunderland City Council was shown at the meeting.
6. Sunderland City Council has been highlighted as demonstrating best practice nationally in terms of mainstreaming telecare provision and promoting the benefits of telecare to the whole community. An invitation has been extended to the officers responsible for the delivery

of telecare at Sunderland City Council to attend a future meeting of the panel to discuss their Council's approach and current funding model.

7. The panel will continue with its evidence gathering at the next meeting on 18 November 2010 where Members will consider the current level of investment in telecare/telehealth in Middlesbrough and the future funding arrangements. Representatives from the Department of Social Care and the PCT have been invited to attend the meeting to provide information in respect of this aspect of the panel's review.

RECOMMENDATION

8. 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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