



**AGENDA ITEM:** 11 (f)

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**7 DECEMBER 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 18 November 2010.
3. At that meeting the Panel heard from the Assistant Director of Service Reform for the PCT in respect of the Panel's current review of Telecare. The Council's Service Manager and Project Development Officer for Telecare were also in attendance to provide information on the current level of investment in telecare / telehealth services in Middlesbrough and to discuss future funding arrangements.
4. The Panel heard that work was ongoing across the Tees Valley in relation to the development of telehealth services. It was acknowledged, however, that the development of a co-ordinated Teeswide vision for telehealth would be preferable to the current arrangements.
5. Similarly Members expressed the view that a number of benefits could be derived from a sub regional approach to the delivery of Telecare compared with the present arrangement of the service being delivered individually by each local authority within the Tees Valley.

6. The Panel also heard that many studies have been carried out across the UK looking at the efficiency savings delivered through Telecare. The studies undertaken have indicated an average saving of £4000 per person per annum.
7. The Panel will continue with its final evidence gathering session on this topic at the next meeting on 13 December 2010 where Members will hear evidence from the officers responsible for the delivery of Telecare at Sunderland City Council. The officers from Sunderland have been invited to discuss their Council's approach and current funding model.
8. In addition the Panel will receive, at its next meeting, an update in respect of its previous review into the Quality of Homecare Services in Middlesbrough.
9. Finally information will also be provided on the work undertaken by the Council in respect of improving safeguarding for vulnerable adults. An update will be provided on the progress made against the action plan that was developed by the Department of Social Care in response to the Care Quality Commission's report following their inspection of Adult Social Care in January and February 2010.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

10. 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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