



AGENDA ITEM: 11 (f)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

8 FEBRUARY 2011

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 two occasions, on 13 January and 27 January 2011.
3. At its meeting on 13 January the Panel considered and agreed its final report on Telecare and the report is submitted to today's meeting for approval by the Board.
4. The Panel commenced its evidence gathering for its next review on the topic of appointeeships at its meeting on 27 January 2011. The Panel received a setting the scene presentation from the User Carer Support Services Manager and agreed its terms of reference for the review.
5. At the Panel's next meeting, which is scheduled for 17 February, the Panel will invite a number of representatives including a representative from the Department of Work and Pensions, a Social Worker from the Learning Disabilities Team and an Advocacy Group representative.
6. The Panel is seeking to establish why statistically Middlesbrough has a high number of appointeeships, to consider the legal basis of introducing a charge for the service and to examine whether a charge should be introduced.

7. The Panel is also keen to gain some comparative data from other local authorities on their current number of appointeeships and a survey has been sent to officers within the region to gather some data in respect of this aspect.

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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