



AGENDA ITEM: 10 (f)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

26 JULY 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 16 June and 7 July 2011.
3. At the panel's meeting on the 16 June the panel received a presentation from the Assistant Director of Business Development and Commissioning on the main responsibilities of the Department of Social Care, as well as some of the key challenges facing the Department in the year ahead.
4. Following the presentation the panel considered possible topics for review and agreed it works programme for 2011/12. The Overview and Scrutiny Board subsequently approved the panel's work programme on 28 June 2011.
5. The first review topic the panel has selected is 'No Health Without Mental Health' and on 7 July 2011 the panel received a 'setting the scene' presentation on this topic from the Assistant Director of Assessment and Care Management.
6. Members were provided with an overview of the government's recently published 'No Health Without Mental Health' strategy, as well advised of the work that has been taking place locally in respect of some of the

main issues highlighted in the new cross party strategy. Members advised that as part of their review on this topic they wanted to focus their attention on three main elements; tackling stigma and discrimination; looking at the issue of suicide prevention and considering the accessibility of psychological therapies in Middlesbrough.

7. A scoping paper has been prepared detailing possible terms of reference for this review topic, along with a possible timetable, and this paper will be presented to the panel at its next meeting, which is scheduled for 28 July 2011.
8. At the next meeting Members will also receive an update on a previous review, which was entitled 'Improving Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities'. The Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership Manager and two Job Coaches from the FORWARDS Team will be in attendance at the meeting to provide this update.
9. The panel will also have the opportunity to hear from two service users with autism who have been supported by the FORWARDS Team and have secured employment, as well as one of their employers.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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