



AGENDA ITEM: 10 (f)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

23 AUGUST 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 28 July and 18 August 2011.
3. At the panel's meeting on the 28 July the panel received an update on a previous review, which was entitled 'Improving Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities'. The FORWARDS Team Manager and two Job Coaches from the Team were in attendance at the meeting to provide this update.
4. The panel also considered possible terms of reference for the panel's current review on the topic of 'No Health without Mental Health' and the panel agreed its terms of reference for the review.
5. Members of the panel also approved the appointment of two 'Added Members' for the duration of the panel's review on this topic. Both 'Added Members' are mental health service users and the panel felt it would be particularly beneficial to appoint 'Added Members' when undertaking this review.
6. At the panel's meeting on the 18 August the panel undertook a site visit to the Living Life Centre, Lothian Road to see the facilities on offer for

people in Middlesbrough who are experiencing mental health problems.

7. Members also had the opportunity to hear from the Chief Executive of Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind, a representative from Middlesbrough Hearts and Minds Social Inclusion Group and the Time to Change regional advisor in respect of the work undertaken in Middlesbrough to help tackle the issue of stigma and discrimination.

RECOMMENDATION

8. 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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