

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

20 SEPTEMBER 2011

### SOCIAL CARE & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS UPDATE

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To appraise the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the progress of the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Panel continues to make progress in its investigation into 'No Health without Mental Health'. At its last meeting on 8 September 2011, the Panel concentrated on the topic of suicide and suicide prevention in Middlesbrough. The Panel received evidence from Public Health staff from NHS Tees, the Department of Social Care & Samaritans.
4. The Panel will continue its work on that topic at a further meeting on 29 September 2011, where it will consider evidence from the lead commissioner for Mental Health services at NHS Tees.
4. The OSB will recall that the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel is also involved in a joint piece of work with the Health Scrutiny Panel, which is to consider the experience of vulnerable older people in care settings. The Panels hosted a very useful seminar on 5 September 2011, which heard from a number of key representatives from the local health and social care economy about some key issues for the Panels to consider. The Panels and support officers are currently considering the evidence submitted and the best way of progressing an investigation into the topic. It is anticipated that

progress will be made in the coming weeks, which will be presented to a future Overview & Scrutiny Board.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

5. No background papers were used in the production of this paper.

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