

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 9(f)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

5 MARCH 2013

<p>SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT</p>

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the work of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. The Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel continues with its investigation into BME communities: Access to Social Care Services and has met on one occasion since the last update report was provided.
3. At the panel's meeting on 13 February 2013 the panel received a 'Setting the Scene' presentation from the department of Wellbeing, Care and Learning, which sought to highlight the degree of usage of adult social care services by the BME community in Middlesbrough.
4. It was evident from the information received that in comparison to the town's BME population the BME community is underrepresented in its usage of adult social care services. However, it was also shown that the proportion of people from the BME community who are accessing services and are aged 18-64 is higher than the number of BME service users who are 65 and over. This differs from the non-BME community where the majority of those in receipt of social care services are aged 65 and over.
5. Given the facts presented above the panel was keen to gain a greater understanding of the age profile of the town's BME population. This information will be presented at the panel's next meeting, which is scheduled to take place on 12 March 2013.

6. Owing to the fact that the majority of service users from the BME community are aged 18-64 the panel has also requested further information on what services are currently being accessed by the BME community, for example, in learning disabilities and mental health services.
7. Information on the social care services available within the town, which are specifically designed to meet the needs of the BME community, will also be presented at the panel's next meeting in order to enable Members to agree the focus and terms of reference for this review.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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