

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 5(f)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

23 July 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. On 13 June 2013, Members of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel discussed and identified topics for inclusion in the work programme for 2013/14.
3. It was conveyed at the meeting on 13 June, that the Health Scrutiny Panel had heard from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - as part of the review of Winter Pressures - that one of the barriers in assisting with the efficient discharge of patients, is social care response times. In light of this information, the panel agreed to examine the topic of discharge from hospital - support provided by social care.
4. At the scrutiny panel's last meeting (4 July 2013), the panel considered and determined the remit, terms of reference, outline timetable and procedure for the review.
5. The agreed terms of reference in respect of this topic are as follows:
 - a) To examine the current working practices of hospital-based social work and establish the range of services provided.
 - b) To identify the main causes for any delay in hospital discharge and receive relevant statistics.
 - c) To determine measures and strategies that could be implemented in order to reduce any delayed discharge, particularly in relation to the hospital and social work interface.
 - d) To explore the future challenges for hospital-based social work and investigate methods to cope with an increased demand on the service.

6. At the scrutiny panel's next meeting, scheduled to be held on 25 July 2013, the Strategy and Delivery Manager for Community Care, from the Department of Wellbeing Care and Learning, will be in attendance to provide the panel with an overview of hospital-based social work and the range of services provided.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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