

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 11 (f)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

20 August 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. At the meeting held on 4 July 2013, the panel considered and determined the remit, terms of reference, outline timetable and procedure for the review.
3. 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, for example – the use of virtual wards, to better support people in their own homes and help prevent hospital admissions.
4. At the last meeting, which was held on 25 July 2013, the Strategy and Delivery Manager for Community Care, from the Department of Wellbeing, Care and Learning, provided the panel with an overview of hospital-based social work and the range of services provided.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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