

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM 11 (f)

SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL
PROGRESS REPORT

1 APRIL 2014

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

BACKGROUND

2. At the last meeting held on 13 March, the Scrutiny Panel received further information on the topic of Continuing Healthcare – To Ensure the Health Economy Funds Health Needs.
3. At the meeting, representatives from the North of England Commissioning Support Unit (NECS) and officers from the Department of Wellbeing, Care and Learning were in attendance. Those present provided their views/opinions with regards to the following issues:
 - Current working practices regarding the assessment/provision of NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) - possible improvements/developments.
 - Middlesbrough's range of community-based services and how these provide an alternative to CHC.
 - Whether some residents, who are possibly eligible for CHC and are in receipt of a community-based service, are contributing towards their own care costs (as opposed to their package of care being funded solely by the NHS)? Or is it possible that the Council is contributing towards these costs?
4. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 3 April. At this meeting it is anticipated that the Scrutiny Panel will receive evidence from the South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

RECOMMENDATION

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

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