

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: 8 (f)

SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT
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19 August 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

Demand Mitigation – Transforming Adult Social Care

2. The last meeting was held on 24 July 2014. At the meeting, officers from Adult Social Care provided the scrutiny panel with an overview of the major changes transforming the way services are delivered and designed, as a result of the Care Act.

Assistive Technology – How New Technology Can Transform Care

3. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 September 2014. At this meeting, the scrutiny panel will begin its new topic of Assistive Technology – How New Technology Can Transform Care. On 4 September, Erik Scollay (Assistant Director for Social Care) and Polly Wright (Telecare Service Development Officer) will provide the scrutiny panel with:

- An overview of what is meant by the term assistive technology.
- An outline of who qualifies for assistive technology.
- Information on the types of assistive technology that the Council provides and the associated cost implications.
- Details of the benefits and limitations of using assistive technology.
- An overview of how people obtain assistive technology.
- An outline of any research or development work relating to assistive technology.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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