

**MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

AGENDA ITEM: 8 (f)

<b>SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT</b>
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**21 October 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**

**Assistive Technology – How New Technology Can Transform Care**

30 September 2014

2. At the meeting held on 30 September 2014, the scrutiny panel was provided with the opportunity to consider, and discuss, various pieces of research and evidence pertaining to assistive technologies.
3. Information was presented to the panel on key documents which:
  - Assessed the impact of assistive technology on health and social care services
  - Established whether assistive technology is cost effective
  - Evaluated the impact of assistive technology on service users and carers
  - Highlighted areas of development and improvement

16 October 2014

4. At the time of writing, the next meeting is scheduled to be held on 16 October 2014. At this meeting Erik Scollay (Assistant Director for Social Care) and Polly Wright (Lead Officer for Telecare and Service Brokerage) will provide the scrutiny panel with an outline of the findings and data that the Council holds pertaining to assistive technologies, particularly:
  - Case studies – experiences of service users, informal carers and health and social care professionals
  - Assessments
  - Evaluations
  - Research

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

## **COUNCILLOR MICK THOMPSON**

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