

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: 8 (f)

SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT
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11 November 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

2. At the meeting held on 16 October 2014, the panel considered further information in respect of its review of Assistive Technology – How New Technology Can Transform Care. At the meeting, Erik Scollay (Assistant Director for Social Care) and Polly Wright (Lead Officer for Telecare and Service Brokerage) provided 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
3. At the time of writing, the next meeting is scheduled to be held on 6 November 2014. At this meeting the panel will be provided with the opportunity to discuss and consider information pertaining to how assistive technology can improve preventative support and build effective networks of ‘informal care’.
4. On 6 November, the panel will also visit the Independent Living Centre. At the centre, Carol Martin (Occupational Therapy Lead) will provide the scrutiny panel with:
 - A demonstration of the different types of equipment available.
 - An overview of the expert advice and support that the centre offers.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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