

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: 13 (f)

<p>SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT</p>
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6 JANUARY 2015

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 6 November 2014, the panel was provided with an opportunity to discuss and consider information pertaining to how assistive technology can improve preventative support and build effective networks of 'informal care'.
3. On the 6 November, the scrutiny panel also visited the Independent Living Centre. At the centre, Tom Boyd (Service Manager) and Carol Martin (Occupational Therapy Lead) provided 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.
4. At the meeting held on 27 November 2014, the scrutiny panel considered information submitted by the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The information conveyed how, with a growing demand for care services, technology will be used to transform the care system. The evidence highlighted that:
 - A single point of access to health records will be a key enabler, but the lack of access to information will hinder this unless I.T Systems can share data and information safely and securely.
 - Providing citizens with access to their health records offers an opportunity for more effective self-care, using technology to support people at home and providing more preventative than reactive services.
5. The last meeting took place on 18 December 2014. At this meeting, the scrutiny panel approved the content of the final report and discussed, determined and agreed conclusions and recommendations. The final report is elsewhere on the Overview and Scrutiny Board agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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