

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

AGENDA ITEM: 8(f)

<p><b>SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT</b></p>
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**3 February 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 that took place on 18 December 2014, the scrutiny panel approved the content of the final report and discussed, determined and agreed conclusions and recommendations. On 6 January 2015, the report was endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Board and it has now been referred to the Executive.

**Safeguarding Adults in Residential Care**

3. The last meeting was held on 22 January 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the scrutiny panel with information in respect of its new scrutiny topic of Safeguarding Adults in Residential Care.
4. At the meeting, officers from Adult Social Care provided the scrutiny panel with an introduction/overview of this topic, which enabled the scrutiny panel to gain an insight into:
  - The work undertaken to identify people at risk.
  - The measures in place to help prevent abuse or neglect, and to protect people.
5. The scrutiny panel was advised that alerts and referrals from care homes in Middlesbrough constitute the highest number of referrals from any sector. In the period 2013-2014 there were 1100 alerts of which 312 were referred into full safeguarding measures. The alerts and referrals from care homes made up 65% of the total alerts and referrals. There are numerous reasons for this, including awareness and training, increased regulation of the sector and contract monitoring. It may be that this high percentage represents under-reporting in the community.
6. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 12 February. On 12 February, the scrutiny panel plan to meet with care home managers.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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