

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: 7 (f)

SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT
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18 August 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

The Care Act 2014 – An update

2. The last meeting was held on 6 August 2015. At the meeting, Erik Scollay (Assistant Director for Social Care) was in attendance to provide the panel with:
 - An overview of the Care Act – background information, the Local Authority's responsibilities and key issues.
 - An outline of the implications for Adult Social Care.
 - An overview of the work that has been undertaken to implement the care and support reforms in Middlesbrough and how the key requirements of the Care Act are being met.
3. The panel considered and noted the information on the new duties for local authorities, particularly the duty to promote wellbeing, the changed status for carers, independent personal budgets for self-funders and duties in relation to provider failure, which came into force on 1 April 2015.
4. The panel also noted the new duties of local authorities, in respect of the funding provisions, which will come into force in April 2020.
5. An update on the Care Act 2014, in respect of early intervention, Middlesbrough Matters, the cultural shift and the impact on communities, will be presented to the scrutiny panel at a later date.

Approved Mental Health Practitioner (AMHP) Provision

6. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 3 September 2015. At this meeting, it is envisaged that the panel will receive information on its new topic of Approved Mental Health Practitioner (AMHP) Provision.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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