

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: 14 (f)

<p>SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT</p>
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13 OCTOBER 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 Provision of Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHPs)

2. The last meeting was held on 1 October 2015. At this meeting, the scrutiny panel received further information on the AMHP service.
3. Colin Holt (Head of Specialist and Lifelong Services) and Vanessa Fryer (Delivery Manager for Mental Health and Safeguarding) conveyed that the AMHP service delivers a complex range of statutory duties and it is now struggling to provide an effective and efficient service.
4. The panel discussed issues regarding administrative support, the recording/monitoring of data and the historical issues in respect of the employment and retention of AMHPs, which are mainly due to remuneration. The scrutiny panel heard that the salary and supplement paid to Middlesbrough AMHPs is well below that which is paid by other local authorities in the North East region.
5. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 22 October 2015. At this meeting the panel will consider the content of the draft final report and receive data in respect of Tees Valley local authorities, including Darlington, in order to gain an insight into the demand experienced by neighbouring authorities and their current AMHP provision.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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