

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: 10(f)

SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT
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2 February 2016

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

Prevention Services in Adult Social Care

2. The scrutiny panel continues to gather evidence in respect of its current review of Prevention Services in Adult Social Care.
3. At the last meeting, held on 7 January 2016, the Assistant Director for Social Care, the Health Improvement Specialist and the Head of Public Health were in attendance to provide the scrutiny panel with:
 - An outline of the prevention strategy and how it encompasses all services accessed by the local community.
 - In respect of adult social care (and health where services overlap):
 - An overview of existing preventative provision and gaps in current provision.
4. At the meeting, Members received:
 - Further information in respect of the draft Prevention and Independence Work Programme, which focuses on supporting individuals to retain their independence, health and wellbeing - whilst offering low-level support and short-term interventions, at any stage of the care pathway.
 - An outline of the work that's been undertaken to develop the social prescribing approach. The approach seeks to improve health by tackling patients' social and physical wellbeing. It was explained that the Local Authority will progress this model by developing a Health and Wellbeing Hub. The hub will provide a range of behaviour-change interventions, access to wellbeing services, assessment, support and advice. The hub will provide an enhanced offer for clients with complex needs, requiring a pathway of support, by providing access to all providers. The timescale for completion of the hub, and the transition of services, is between July and September 2016.
 - Information on the South Tees Single Point of Access (SPA), which is being developed for adult health and social care. The aim of the SPA is to develop a 'one-stop-shop' for adult services across South Tees. This will enable key stakeholders to access one contact number, which will record

essential information from which referrals can be made to existing services. The aim is to ensure that the right service is delivered at the right time.

- An overview of the mapping exercise of preventative provision, including statutory and external support services. The aim of the mapping exercise was to inform the development of the prevention and early intervention model and establish a complete directory of current prevention services. The mapping exercise revealed that there are gaps in information, particularly in relation to the Voluntary Community Sector (VCS), hubs and external providers.

5. Members were advised that the pathways, between social care and the range of services in existence, need to be strengthened and more coordinated.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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