

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

AGENDA ITEM: 10 (f)

<b>SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT</b>
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**1 March 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. A meeting of the scrutiny panel was held on 4 February 2016. At the meeting, Members received - in respect of adult social care (and health where services overlap):
  - Information on the range of statutory-led prevention services, facilities and resources currently available in Middlesbrough, including:
    - Reablement
    - Intermediate care
    - The management of long-term conditions
    - Falls prevention
    - Telecare
    - Major adaptations and minor adaptations
4. The following witnesses were in attendance to provide information:
  - Erik Scollay, Assistant Director for Social Care
  - June Hunt, Manager of Middlesbrough Intermediate Care Centre
  - Carol Martin, Occupational Therapy Team Manager
  - Suzanne Hodge, Prevention and Access Lead Officer
  - Michelle Eiles, Occupational Therapist
  - Simon Wall, Team Manager for On-going Intervention
5. Members were informed that a central requirement of the on-going prevention work is the provision of consistent, high quality information, available for staff members to support their work and to members of the public on a “self-serve” basis.
6. The scrutiny panel was advised that the services described represent significant elements of the social care service and, although they may not all exclusively provide “prevention”, large elements of their work does have a focus on prevention and the promotion of independence.

7. It was explained that the Social Care department does not currently have all of the required skillset to carry out early prevention work - there is a need for workforce development and training. It was also identified that there are gaps in information, particularly in relation to the work and infrastructure of the Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) and that the pathways, between social care and the range of services in existence, need to be strengthened and more coordinated.
8. The Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency (MVDA) and 2 or 3 of the most appropriate Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) organisations will be invited to a future meeting of the scrutiny panel.

### **Assistive Technology – How New Technology Can Transform Care – An Update**

9. In 2014/15, the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel undertook a review of Assistive Technology – How New Technology Can Transform Care. The current review of Prevention Services in Adult Social Care follows on from this work and both topics are closely linked.
10. At the time of writing, the next meeting of the scrutiny panel is scheduled to be held on 25 February 2016. At this meeting, the Assistant Director for Social Care will provide Members with an update on the progress made with the implementation of the agreed actions - since the panel's report was submitted to the Executive.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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