

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel
2.	Date:	10 February 2011
3.	Title:	Assistive Technology Scrutiny Review: Update
4.	Directorate:	Chief Executive's

5. Summary

ASH Panel received a report and presentation on 7 October 2010, which outlined the main findings and recommendations resulting from the Assistive Technology Scrutiny Review.

Since the start of the review and recommendations being made, a large amount of work has been undertaken in this area; therefore following consultation with Adult Services Directorate it is being proposed that a further report be brought to Panel at the meeting in March 2011, to provide details of what has taken place and to approve the final scrutiny review report.

6. Recommendations

That the Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel:

- **Agree for the Assistive Technology update report to be brought to the next Panel meeting in March 2011**

7. Proposals and details

The review recommendations include:

- That the Council and NHS Rotherham produces a joint and overarching long term Assistive technology strategy, with a view to developing a 'single point of entry' for service users and carers.
- A robust monitoring system for AT is put into place to record savings in terms of the prevention of avoidable admissions to hospital, the prevention / delay of admission to long-term residential care, and savings from individualised homecare packages.
- The Council continually seeks to expand and promote the Assistive Technology it has to offer.
- The Council examines ways for more cost effective approach to excessive usage or repair.
- That awareness of AT / Telecare across professionals, including domiciliary care providers, is continued and strengthened so that all view it as an option for all Service Users and Carers.
- Good quality information and signposting needs to be provided by the Council and NHS Rotherham for both Carers and Service Users to enable them to understand their AT options and so to self assess with confidence.

Following consultation with Adult Services Directorate, it is understood that a large amount of work has been undertaken since the start of the review, including further developments in relation to these recommendations.

It is therefore proposed that a further report be brought to the March Panel meeting for members to receive an update on these developments, prior to final approval of the scrutiny review report.

8. Finance

The Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel agreed to look into how RMBC had met aims in relation to the Preventative Technology Grant which was awarded from the Department of Health for 2006-08. The report in March will update on how this grant has been allocated.

9 Risks and Uncertainties

Due to the length of time over which the review has taken place, a number of developments have been made in this area, it is therefore important to bring the scrutiny review report up to date.

10 Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

There are a number of implications resulting from the review recommendations, which will be updated in the March report.

11 Background Papers and Consultation

Minutes of the Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel – 7 October 2010

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