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Budget Monitoring 2012/13 (Month 8)

Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Variance Last Month (£m)	Cause of Variance	Action Required
Resources and Regulated Services (Intake and Reablement)	6.187	5.622	(0.565)	(0.528)	<p>Extra Care projected in year underspend on new scheme (£0.200m) due to timeframe for completion.</p> <p>In-house Domiciliary Care projected underspend of £0.322m due to reduced pay costs from changes to service delivery and greater use of reablement and independent sector care providers. The increase (£0.027m) from month 7 is mainly due to further reductions in projected pay and staff transport costs.</p> <p>Of the additional variance a projected underspend of £0.146m, an increase of £0.008m from month 7, relates to work which is yet to be undertaken to realign the budgets following the transport review (this cannot be undertaken until the outcomes of the current contract tendering process is known in January) and £0.050m to vacancies within Day Services. This is offset by a projected overspend within Professional Support (£0.155m), increased from month 7 (£0.003m) which will be addressed as part of TSSA realignment.</p>	The underspend against Extra Care is one-off and non recurring and has arisen due to delays in building works encountered by our partner. Keep under review pending completion of Transforming Social Services for Adults (TSSA) programme and realign budgets as appropriate.

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Reablement Service (Intake and Reablement)	0.370	0.271	(0.099)	(0.095)	Pay costs being suppressed due to the use of Homecare staff, vacant post and part year appointments (£0.067m) together with additional Health income (£0.029m) offset by various small overspends.	Keep under review pending completion of Transforming Social Services for Adults (TSSA) programme.

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Locality Teams (Localities)	16.489	16.541	0.052	0.174	<p>The significant variances lie within:</p> <p><u>Physical Disability Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Purchased Home Care - projected overspend (£0.139m) due to the impact of various care packages. > Purchased Residential Care is projected to underspend (£0.345m) which is an increase of £0.090m on month 7 due to two service users now fully Health funded as well as the death of three service users. > Minor Adaptations - projected to overspend by £0.097m reflecting the continuing demand within the service. <p><u>Older People Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Purchased Day Care is projecting to underspend by £0.089m due to a change in emphasis in delivering the service. > Reablement Service is projecting an overspend of £0.075m due to changes in service delivery following on from TSSA. > Purchased Home Care is projecting an overspend of £0.197m which reflects current care packages. > Purchased Residential Care is projecting a reduced overspend of £0.007m reflecting current service users. 	<p>Keep under review pending completion of Transforming Social Services for Adults (TSSA) programme. Following phase 1 of TSSA and during the detailed reorganisation of services, it has been decided that most of the PDSI elements included as part of the locality team budgets at the early stages of TSSA will form a separate line under the Disability Services Heading, with only the Occupational Therapy service remaining as part of the locality teams. This will be undertaken for 2013/14.</p>

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Ringfenced Budgets (Mental Health)	0.301	0.169	(0.132)	(0.119)	Reflects current care packages for 2012/13.	Keep under review - potential volatility due to changes in client numbers and demands at short notice from prison or courts. The possibility of re-aligning budget between the two services has been considered and dismissed for now as there are early indications of additional Mental Health clients although at this stage potential costs or start dates are unknown.
Ringfenced Budgets (Learning Disability)	0.466	0.587	0.121	0.144	This reflects the full year impact of a new service user that commenced during December 2011 together with some other changes to care packages.	
Good Health (Development & Resources)	0.980	1.111	0.131	0.136	The majority of the overspend (£0.104m) is mainly due to one-off redundancy related costs for two staff falling on the service following a restructure. These costs would usually be met Corporately but as the Directorate is underspending this year it was agreed that the costs would be met within the Service.	Not recurring.
Business Services - Income (Development & Resources)	(1.511)	(1.461)	0.050	0.050	Following a recommendation from Corporate Debt Recovery an additional £0.050m has been added to the total provision for bad or doubtful debts.	

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Family Placement (Children's Services)	1.832	2.147	0.315	0.319	The overspend is mainly as a result of an increase in the number of foster care placements within the service. It is also due to the increasing number of court orders for Residence and Special Guardianship orders which invariably attract an ongoing allowance for the carers.	A review of the Family Placement Team has commenced the outcome of which will inform future planning and possible efficiencies.

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Family Support (Children's Services)	0.341	0.294	(0.047)	(0.056)	The underspend in this service is mostly due to a reduction in the use of sessional staff following an embargo and a review of thresholds. The use of sessional staff can fluctuate monthly depending on caseloads, especially for child protection and court ordered supervised contact.	As the spend in this Service is very dependant on caseload continue to keep under review.
Other Residential (Children Services)	0.526	0.466	(0.060)	(0.060)	The projected underspend relates to the opening of Arosfa being later than anticipated.	Keep under review due to the potential for additional costs relating to transport charges.

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Professional Support (Children's Services)	5.374	5.585	0.211	0.169	Comprises Fieldwork, Resources, Children's Integrated Disability Service (CIDS) and General. Fieldwork overspending (£0.356m) due to the Children and Young Adolescent Support team (£0.345m) - client payments (£0.217m), staff pay costs (£0.115m) increased £0.019m from month 7; client payments includes the costs for two high cost individuals (£0.120m). Resources is underspending (£0.034m) due to staff costs within Family Placement Team (£0.037m); other under and overs spends within the service offset each other. CIDS overspend (£0.063m) mainly due to increased use of direct payments leading to an overspend of £0.095m offset by underspends on staff (£0.020m) and transfer payments (£0.010m). General is projected to underspend (£0.174m) due to legal/court costs (£0.046m) reduced by £0.008m from month 7, transport costs (£0.021m), pay costs are now on budget following a reduction (£0.025m) from month 7; Children First underspend (£0.085m) and Corporate Parenting (£0.020m).	Keep under review. The Head of Service (Children) has instigated a review into the specifics around these two service users. Due to the overspend within Children Services spending is kept to a minimum where possible.

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Out of County Pooled Budget (Children's Services)	3.711	2.936	(0.775)	(0.261)	Costs reflect existing placements up until March 2013. This reflects known reductions in payments to providers following re-negotiation of contracts. The movement since month 7 reflect seven placements ended (£0.313m), three now placed with FCC foster carers (£0.252m) and one placement with a changed care package leading to a reduction in costs £0.055m). These are offset by increase in the costs of other care packages (£0.106m).	<p>The focus of high cost placements is now a North Wales project and will continued to be reviewed. The in house project requires sign off by the two directors at the next meeting.</p> <p>The impact of these changes on the Children Services Fostering and Leaving Care budgets has not yet been quantified. Further details are awaited.</p>
Ring-fenced Budget (Housing Services)	0.377	0.321	(0.056)	(0.058)	This reflects current projection of the anticipated demand on the service this financial year.	Keep under review. One off and non recurring due to anticipated rise in presentations in 13/14 due to Welfare Reform impact and projections that the full budget will be required for further temporary accomodation units in the future.
Homelessness (Housing Services)	0.488	0.426	(0.062)	(0.051)	This reflects current projection of the anticipated demand on the service this financial year.	

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Resident Wardens (Housing Services)	1.236	1.125	(0.111)	(0.102)	Budget based on restructure. Variance relates to vacancies within the new structure yet to be implemented.	Restructure approval required.
Other variances (aggregate)	21.213	21.086	(0.127)	(0.086)	Various minor variances.	Continue to review but not expected to be recurrent.
Total :	58.380	57.226	(1.154)	(0.424)		