

COMMUNITY SERVICES

APPENDIX 2

Budget Monitoring 2012/13 (Month 4)

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)	6.175	5.826	(0.349)	(0.282)	Extra Care projected underspend on new scheme of £0.100m due to timeframe for completion. In-house Domiciliary Care underspend (£0.153m) due to reduced pay costs from changes to service delivery and greater use of reablement and independent sector care providers. The additional variance relates to work which is yet to be undertaken to realign the budgets following the transport review.	Keep under review pending completion of Transforming Social Services for Adults (TSSA) programme and realign budgets as appropriate.
Reablement Service (Intake and Reablement)	0.330	0.210	(0.120)	(0.120)	Pay costs being suppressed due to the use of Homecare staff, vacant post and part year appointments (£0.107m) together with additional Health income (£0.020m) 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)	16.497	16.599	0.102	0.108	The significant variances lie within Physical Disability Services Independent Sector Homecare with a projected overspend of (£0.155m) due to the net impact of various care packages. This has reduced from period 3 due to the withdrawal of one care package. This is partially offset by a projected underspend in independent sector residential care underspend (£0.298m) which reflects current clients.	This is a complex case and will be kept under review. Keep under review pending completion of Transforming Social Services for Adults (TSSA) programme.
Reviewing (Localities)	0.198	0.174	(0.024)	(0.042)	This is a result of a vacant post yet to be filled.	Unlikely to be recurring.
Transition and Disability Services (Disability Services)	0.592	0.691	0.099	0.036	The movement from period 3 reflects the cost of the newly formed transition team. Further work is required to realign budgets from other services.	Identify budgets and realign.
Resources and Regulated Services (Disability Services)	12.558	12.630	0.072	0.093	The main cause of the variance relates to work yet to be undertaken to realign the budgets following the transport review.	A review of transport budgets across adults services is currently being undertaken as part of the ongoing work of TSSA.

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Vulnerable Adults and Disability Services (Disability Services)	2.156	2.091	(0.065)	(0.057)	This mainly relates to vacant posts , staff travelling, and supplies and services which are currently projected to underspend.	Keep under review.
Support Services (Mental Health & Substance Misuse Service)	1.931	1.851	(0.080)	(0.009)	This reflects a reduction in the cost of residential care packages due to movements of clients in and out of the service, a reduced cost projection for direct payments both offset by an increase in staff costs required to provide maternity cover.	Keep under review.
Ringfenced Budgets (Mental Health)	0.301	0.181	(0.120)	(0.118)	Reflects current client packages for 2012/13.	Keep under review - potential volatility due to changes in client numbers and demands at short notice from prison or courts. Reduced budget in 12/13.
Ringfenced Budgets (Learning Disability)	0.465	0.676	0.211	0.213	This reflects the full year impact of a new service user that commenced during December 2011 together with some other changes to care packages.	Keep under review and consider a budget realignment from the Ringfenced Budgets (Learning Disability) to reflect current clients within the
Commissioning (Development & Resources)	0.902	0.861	(0.041)	(0.041)	This variance relates to vacancies not yet filled.	Unlikely to be recurring.

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Vacancy Management (Development & Resources)	(0.100)	0.000	0.100	0.100	This will be allocated against vacant posts.	Monitor in year vacancy savings to apply.
Family Placement (Children's Services)	1.833	2.160	0.327	0.289	The overspend is mainly as a result of an increase in the number of foster care places 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.
Family Support (Children's Services)	0.341	0.270	(0.071)	(0.078)	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.	Continue to keep under review.
Grants (Children's Services)	0.117	0.064	(0.053)	(0.053)	Awaiting finalisation of initiatives coming on stream this financial year.	Continue to keep under review.
Other Residential (Children Services)	0.526	0.472	(0.054)	(0.050)	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)	5.320	5.411	0.091	0.167	This is a complex part of Children Services and there are a number of areas overspending which are offset by areas underspending. However the main reason for the overspend is the transfer of responsibility for two service users from the Out of County ringfenced budget (£0.150m). The reduction from period 3, reflects the revised costs of temporary staff where end dates are now known.	Keep under review. The Head of Service (Children) has instigated a review into the specifics around these two service users.
Out of County Pooled Budget (Children's Services)	3.711	3.613	(0.098)	(0.154)	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 3 reflects a new sibling group together with a joint placement with the Lifelong Learning Directorate.	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.
Resident Wardens (Housing Services)	1.236	1.161	(0.075)	(0.067)	Budget based on restructure. Salaries carry vacancies for the new structure yet to be implemented.	Restructure approval required.
Other variances (aggregate)	3.333	3.271	(0.062)	(0.089)	Various minor variances.	Continue to review but not expected to be recurrent.
<b>Total :</b>	<b>58.422</b>	<b>58.212</b>	<b>(0.210)</b>	<b>(0.221)</b>		