

## Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday, 13 February 2023
<b>Report Subject</b>	Joint Funded Care Packages – Update Report
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Officer (Social Services) and Corporate Finance Manager
<b>Type of Report</b>	Operational

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As previously discussed in the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee, several processes have been put in place over the past 8 months to address outstanding invoices and ensure current invoices are raised and paid in a timely manner. We continue to see a decrease in the number of long standing outstanding invoices and an arbitration process has been established to resolve long-standing debts.

Members have requested an update report to give assurance that the work relating to the payment of outstanding invoices continues and that outstanding debt levels are now within normal operating activity.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1	To update Members on the continued proactive budget management of outstanding invoices raised by the Council for payment by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.
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## **REPORT DETAILS**

<b>1.00 PROGRESS UPDATE</b>													
1.01	Regular meetings continue between Council officers and health board staff, in these meetings officers concentrate on filling the information gaps that have previously prevented payment and as a result reduced the numbers of outstanding invoices. In February 2023, 36 invoices remained outstanding, this has reduced to 23 in July 2023.												
1.02	Processes are now in place to ensure current and future invoices are raised in a timely manner and supported by appropriate information to allow for payment within invoicing terms. We currently have no outstanding invoices under 1 year in age, with all current invoices paid in a timely manner.												
1.03	Meetings continue to be held at operational, strategic and Leader/Chief Executive level and the management of outstanding invoices is a standing item on all meeting agendas.												
1.04	Meetings to support arbitration between Council officers and health board staff continue every 2 months and since February 2023 this process has resolved a further £0.098m of long-standing debt.												
<b>1.05 Debt Levels</b>													
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1.07	The remaining operating debt level of £0.199m is a further 6% improvement on February's operating debt level of £0.211m.												
1.08	Monthly operational meetings continue and the outcome from this work is reported to the Chief Officer of Social Services and the Senior Management Team monthly.												
1.09	Arbitration continues to discuss the remains 5 individuals whose invoices represent the outstanding £0.273m referenced above.												

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	As this report is the provision of financial information only.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
3.01	Debt levels are monitored monthly, and an escalation route has been established.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT</b>
4.01	None required at this stage.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	None

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	None

<b>7.00</b>	<b>CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS</b>
7.01	<p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Jane Davies – Senior Manager Safeguarding and Commissioning  <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 702503  <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:jane.m.davies@flintshire.gov.uk">jane.m.davies@flintshire.gov.uk</a></p>

<b>8.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
8.01	None