

Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting	Thursday, 11 January 2024
Report Subject	Joint Funded Care Packages – Update Report
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services
Report Author	Chief Officer (Social Services)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As discussed in previous Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committees, officers within the Social Services portfolio have been working closely with the Finance and Continuing Health Care (CHC) teams in Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) to put in place a number of processes and monitoring actions to address long standing CHC invoices. As part of this work officers have also put in place processes to ensure current invoices are raised and paid in a timely manner.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To update Members on the continued proactive budget management of outstanding Continuing Health Care invoices raised by the Council for payment by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.
2	To provide an annual update report on the management of outstanding invoices relating to Continuing Health Care invoices raised by the Council for payment by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	PROGRESS UPDATE											
1.01	Regular meetings continue to take place 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.											
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.											
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 – 5 individuals remain under discussion, with a high level of activity continuing to resolve to these outstanding invoices.											
1.05	Debt Levels											
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	<p>Of the £0.470m outstanding CHC Invoices as of 20 December £0.047m relates to unpaid short-term debt from invoices overdue between 2 and 11 days which will be paid shortly.</p> <p>Of the remaining debt, £0.163m are invoices 1 year and over, a reduction in this debt of £0.020m since the previous report.</p> <p>The remaining £0.261m relates to four individuals who continue to be discussed at arbitration. This is an improved position since the last report (October 2023) of £0.012m. Arbitration will continue until all cases are resolved.</p>											
1.07	Monthly operational meetings continue and the outcome from this work is reported to the Director of Social Services and the Senior Management Team monthly.											

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	As this report is the provision of financial information only.

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

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

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None

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

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	None