

COMMUNITY SERVICES

APPENDIX 2

Budget Monitoring 2012/13 (Month 6)

| 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 | 5.678 | (0.497) | (0.408) | Extra Care projected in year underspend on new scheme of £0.200m due to timeframe for completion. The increase of £0.100m underspend from month 5 is due to revised timing of the opening of the Mold facility. In-house Domiciliary Care underspend (£0.235m) due to reduced pay costs from changes to service delivery and greater use of reablement and independent sector care providers. Of the additional variance an underspend of £0.135m relates to work which is yet to be undertaken to realign the budgets following the transport review and £0.052m to vacancies within Day Services. This is offset by an overspend within Professional Support (£0.137m) which will be addressed as part of TSSA realignment. | 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. |
| Reablement Service (Intake and Reablement) | 0.330 | 0.237 | (0.093) | (0.119) | 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. The movement from month 5 is due to increased commitment regarding telecare equipment. | Keep under review pending completion of Transforming Social Services for Adults (TSSA) programme. |

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| Locality Teams (Localities) | 16.498 | 16.704 | 0.206 | 0.254 | The significant variances lie within Physical Disability Services Independent Sector Homecare with a projected overspend (£0.148m) due to the net impact of various care packages. This has reduced from month 5 (£0.023m) to reflect changes to service delivery. This is offset by a projected underspend in independent sector residential care (£0.257m) which reflects current clients. Within Older People Service changes to the service delivery have resulted in purchased day care underspending (£0.076m) and the Reablement Service overspending (£0.046m); the overspends in purchased home (£0.206m) and residential (£0.058m) care have both changed from month 5 (£0.033m and £(0.052)m respectively) reflecting current care packages. Minor Adaptations are projected to overspend by £0.077m reflecting the continuing demand within the service. | This is a complex case and will be kept under review. Keep under review pending completion of Transforming Social Services for Adults (TSSA) programme. |

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| Vulnerable Adults and Disability Services (Disability Services) | 2.156 | 2.101 | (0.055) | (0.061) | 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 | 1.914 | (0.017) | (0.100) | The movement since month 5 is mostly due to the combined impact of two new residential clients (£0.078m). | Keep under review. |
| Ringfenced Budgets (Mental Health) | 0.301 | 0.175 | (0.126) | (0.120) | 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. The possibility of re-aligning budget between the two services has been considered and dismissed as there are early indications of additional Mental Health clients although at this stage potential cost or start date is unknown. |
| Ringfenced Budgets (Learning Disability) | 0.466 | 0.615 | 0.149 | 0.154 | This reflects the full year impact of a new service user that commenced during December 2011 together with some other changes to care packages. The movement since month 4 is due to reduced residential care costs. | |
| Good Health (Development & Resources) | 0.981 | 1.117 | 0.136 | 0.129 | The majority of the overspend (£0.104m) is mainly due to one-off costs falling on the service following a restructure. | Not 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 | 2.153 | 0.320 | 0.326 | 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 | 0.277 | (0.064) | (0.066) | 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 | 0.068 | (0.049) | (0.050) | Awaiting finalisation of initiatives coming on stream this financial year. | Continue to keep under review. |
| Other Residential (Children Services) | 0.526 | 0.461 | (0.065) | (0.054) | The projected underspend relates to the opening of Arosfa being later than anticipated. The movement from month 5 reflects additional delay in the opening (£0.031m) offset by additional funding of capital costs (£0.020m). | Keep under review due to the potential for additional costs relating to transport charges. |

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| Professional Support (Children's Services) | 5.382 | 5.540 | 0.158 | 0.092 | 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 increase from month 5 is mostly due (£0.053m) to the transfer of budget to the Disability Service (Transition Team). | 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 | 3.572 | (0.139) | (0.150) | 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 5 reflects changes to services. | 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. |
| Homelessness (Housing Services) | 0.488 | 0.448 | (0.040) | (0.046) | This reflects current demand for the service | Keep under review |

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| Ring-fenced Budget (Housing Services) | 0.377 | 0.318 | (0.059) | (0.042) | The movement from month 5 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. |
| Resident Wardens (Housing Services) | 1.236 | 1.146 | (0.090) | (0.081) | Budget based on restructure. Variance relates to vacancies within the new structure yet to be implemented. | Restructure approval required. |
| Other variances (aggregate) | 15.673 | 15.626 | (0.047) | (0.058) | Various minor variances. | Continue to review but not expected to be recurrent. |
| Total : | 58.422 | 58.150 | (0.272) | (0.300) | | |