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Budget Monitoring 2012/13 (Month 9)

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	5.539	(0.648)	(0.565)	<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 £0.357m due to reduced pay costs from changes to service delivery and greater use of reablement and independent sector care providers. The increase (£0.034m) from month 8 is mainly due to further reductions in projected pay (£0.032m) and staff transport costs.</p> <p>Of the additional variance a projected underspend of £0.155m, an increase of £0.009m from month 8, relates to work which is yet to be undertaken to realign the budgets following the transport review, the outcome of which is expected soon, and £0.050m to vacancies within Day Services. This is offset by a projected overspend within Professional Support (£0.139m), reduced from month 8 (£0.016m), 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	0.268	(0.102)	(0.099)	Pay costs being suppressed due to the use of Homecare staff, vacant post and part year appointments (£0.070m) 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	16.435	(0.054)	0.052	<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 (£0.132m) due to the impact of various care packages. > Purchased Residential Care is projected to underspend (£0.345m), not changed from month 8, 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 (£0.092m) due to a change in emphasis in delivering the service. > Reablement Service is projecting an overspend of £0.071m due to changes in service delivery following on from TSSA. > Purchased Home Care is projecting an overspend of £0.185m which reflects current care packages. > Purchased Residential Care is projecting an underspend (£0.033m), a change of £0.040m from month 8 reflecting changes in the 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 undertaken for 2013/14.</p> <p>A particular difficulty projecting outturns within this service this year is quantifying the impact of the changes in service delivery introduced with TSSA the impact of which is yet to stabilise.</p>

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Support Services (Mental Health)	1.931	1.874	(0.057)	(0.036)	The underspend in this service reflects underspends within the Residential and Domiciliary care Service (£0.111m), reflecting current care packages, and within the Intensive Support Team (£0.022m) being mostly underspends on pay (£0.032m) due to temporary secondments and maternity leave offset by backdated business rates (£0.013m) following a reassessment and other minor amounts. These are offset by overspends within Professional Support (£0.045m), Occupation and Employment (£0.012m), Living and Medium Level Support (£0.014m). The movement from month 8 is mostly due to changes in purchased care (£0.028) within the Residential and Domiciliary Service offset by the additional spend on business rates within the Intensive Support Team (£0.013m).	

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Ringfenced Budgets (Mental Health)	0.301	0.178	(0.123)	(0.132)	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	0.640	0.174	0.121	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	1.110	0.130	0.131	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.

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Business Systems (Development & Resources)	1.274	1.201	(0.073)	(0.020)	This service now includes the Financial Assessments Team, previously included within Commissioning, who are underspending (£0.049m) due to vacant posts. The balance of the underspend is mostly on pay and is due to vacant posts.	
Family Placement (Children's Services)	1.832	2.150	0.318	0.315	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.
Other Residential (Children Services)	0.526	0.471	(0.055)	(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	5.613	0.239	0.211	Comprises Fieldwork, Resources, Children's Integrated Disability Service (CIDS) and General. Fieldwork overspending (£0.365m) due to the Children and Young Adolescent Support team (£0.340m) - client payments (£0.219m), staff pay costs (£0.106m) reduced (£0.009m) from month 8; client payments includes the costs for two high cost individuals (£0.120m). Resources is underspending (£0.033m) due to staff costs within Family Placement Team (£0.036m); other under and overs spends within the service offset each other. CIDS overspend (£0.056m) mainly due to increased use of direct payments leading to an overspend (£0.090m) offset by underspends on staff (£0.020m) and transfer payments (£0.010m). General is projected to underspend (£0.148m) due to legal/court costs (£0.024m) reduced (£0.022m) from month 8, transport costs (£0.021m), pay costs remain on budget; Children First underspend (£0.085m) and Corporate Parenting (£0.019m).	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	2.926	(0.785)	(0.775)	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 8 reflect three placements ended (£0.030m), one placement with a changed care package leading to a reduction in costs (£0.05m). These are offset by increase in the costs of one care packages (£0.025m).	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. The impact of these changes on the Children Services Fostering and Leaving Care budgets has not yet been quantified. Further details are awaited.
Ring-fenced Budget (Housing Services)	0.377	0.321	(0.056)	(0.056)	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	0.407	(0.081)	(0.062)	Review of expected spend undertaken and revised in line with trend.	
Housing Support Services (Housing Services)	0.193	0.132	(0.061)	(0.043)	Salaries reviewed to take into account breaks in employment and posts not being filled in 2012/13.	

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Resident Wardens (Housing Services)	1.236	1.109	(0.127)	(0.111)	Budget based on restructure. Salaries carry vacancies for the new structure yet to be implemented.	Restructure approval required.
Other variances (aggregate)	16.645	16.624	(0.021)	(0.025)	Various minor variances.	Continue to review but not expected to be recurrent.
Total :	58.380	56.998	(1.382)	(1.154)		