

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Budget Monitoring 2013/14 (Month 3)

Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Variance Last Month (£m)	Cause of Major Variance	Action Required
Resources and Regulated Services (Intake and Reablement)	5.636	5.157	(0.479)	(0.470)	<p><u>Extra Care</u> projected underspend (£0.134m) due to timeframe for completion of Llys Jasmine, Mold.</p> <p><u>In-house Domiciliary Care</u> underspend (£0.288m) due to reduced pay costs from changes to service delivery and greater use of reablement and independent sector care providers.</p> <p><u>Client Transportation Service</u> underspend (£0.206m) mostly (£0.152m) on transport contracts that were re-tendered in January 2013. The balance (£0.054m) relates mostly to staff vacancies (£0.051m).</p> <p><u>Day Services</u> underspend (£0.044m) mostly due to vacancies within the Service (£0.026m) and reduced demand for Supplies and Services (£0.016m). These underspends are offset by a projected overspend within the <u>In-house Residential Service</u> (£0.112m) mostly due to the need to ensure adequate staff cover (£0.189m) and various premises costs (£0.028m) offset by additional client (£0.070m) and Health (£0.050m) income together with a shortfall against <u>Supporting People</u> funding (£0.080m).</p>	<p><u>Extra Care</u> The underspend against is one-off and non recurring and has arisen due to the opening of the facility being part way through the current year.</p> <p><u>Client Transportation Service</u> The underspend is expected to be on-going following contract re-tendering.</p> <p><u>In-house Residential Service</u> Review underspends within Services for Adults to identify budgets to be vired into this service to address additional costs for ensuring adequate staffing levels.</p> <p><u>Supporting People</u> This is an ongoing shortfall and will be addressed internally for month 4.</p>

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Locality Teams (Localities)	14.112	13.757	(0.355)	(0.250)	<p><u>Older People Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Purchased Day Care - underspend (£0.040m) due to a change in emphasis in service delivery. > Purchased Residential and Domiciliary Care are together underspending (£0.247m) mostly due to purchased residential care (£0.453m) and additional income (£0.072m) offset by additional spend on homecare (£0.060m) and direct payments (£0.218m) reflecting a change in emphasis on service delivery introduced through TSSA. > Locality Teams are together expected to underspend (£0.118m) mostly due to vacant posts some of which are not expected to be filled until 01/01/2014. > Early Onset Dementia is projected to overspend (£0.067m) due to purchased domiciliary care costs. <p>The balance (£0.017m) is made up of a number of smaller variances.</p> <p>The movement from month 2 is due to detailed monitoring undertaken following the high level estimate provided for month 2.</p>	<p>Keep under review.</p> <p>Most of the PDSI elements previously included as part of the locality team budgets are now shown within the Disability Services Heading with only the Occupational Therapy service remaining as part of the locality teams.</p> <p>Projecting outturns within this service remains challenging following the changes in service delivery introduced with TSSA the impact of which continue.</p> <p>Budget virement between Purchased Residential and Domiciliary care to reflect the changes in service delivery.</p>

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Vulnerable Adults and Disability Services (Disability Services)	2.284	1.958	(0.326)	(0.500)	As part of the changes introduced in 2012/13 a review has been undertaken of all individuals within this service to determine what, if any, changes need to be reflected due to changes in their planned care packages. This work is continuing but the outturn reflects all changes known at June 2013.	Continue to keep under review particularly as further changes are possible in the period up to the start of the new college year in September/ October. It remains a possibility that some changes will not be known until September/ October as individuals can be late making decisions around their future plans.

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Resource and Regulated Services (Disability Services)	15.690	15.029	(0.661)		<p><u>Physical Disability Service</u> Overall this is underspending (£0.336m) mostly due to reduced emphasis on the purchase of independent sector residential care (£0.315) and increased use of direct payments.</p> <p><u>Learning Disability Service</u> > Day Opportunities underspend (£0.081m) on staff costs (£0.131m) and transport costs (£0.075m) offset by overspends in premises costs (£0.024m), third party costs (£0.026m) and an underachievement of income (£0.085m). > In-House Supported Living Team is underspending (£0.039m) mostly due to vacant posts (£0.036m). > Within this Service is a budget to help offset the expected impact of a review of joint funded packages between FCC and Health. It is not expected that this will be resolved until November 2013 and that changes will be phased in, consequently, an underspend (£0.140m) is declared. The balance (£0.065m) is made up of smaller amounts in a number of areas.</p>	<p>Keep under review.</p> <p><u>PDSI</u> This underspend is likely to be ongoing due to changes in service delivery. However, it should be borne in mind that new service users within this area tend to have large care packages.</p> <p><u>LD</u> The underspend in relation to the negotiations with Health on jointly funded packages is based on current assumptions. These will be kept under review and adjusted if proven necessary.</p>

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Administrative Support (Disability Services)	0.314	0.452	0.138		This is due to an overspend against staff pay costs (£0.138m).	Keep under review.
Residential and Domiciliary Service (Mental Health & Substance Misuse Service)	0.871	0.669	(0.202)		This underspend is based on current care packages. An additional £0.0259m budget has been added to this area in 2013 to reflect the expectation of the transfer from Health of an individual with a high cost transition package. The underspend within the service is reduced from what would be expected due to the delay relating to the transition client because of other additional clients, one of which has a high cost care package.	Keep under review.
Professional Support (Mental Health & Substance Misuse Service)	0.785	0.733	(0.052)		This is mostly (£0.047m) due to a one-off pay cost reduction following an agreed absence with no pay.	One-off.

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Forensic Budget (Mental Health & Substance Misuse Service)	0.305	0.142	(0.163)		Reflects current care packages for 2013/14.	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.
Forensic Budget (Learning Disability)	0.482	0.597	0.115		Reflects current care packages for 2013/14.	
Business Systems (Development & Resources)	1.142	1.083	(0.059)		The underspend within this area is mostly due to vacant posts.	
Family Placement (Children's Services)	1.977	2.296	0.319	0.250	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 been undertaken the outcome of which is being considered and will inform future planning and possible efficiencies.

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Youth Offending Team (Children Services)	0.329	0.263	(0.066)		This is mostly due to an underspend on staff costs (£0.183m), mainly due to vacant posts and secondments, offset by overspends on staff travel (£0.025m), premises (£0.019m), Supplies and services (£0.015m), third party payments (£0.057m) with the balance made up of smaller variances.	It is currently expected that this will be one-off.

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Professional Support (Children's Services)	5.235	5.508	0.273	0.250	<p>Professional Support comprises of Fieldwork, Resources, Children's Integrated Disability Service (CIDS) and General.</p> <p><u>Fieldwork</u>: Overspend £0.170m mostly due to the requirement for sufficient staffing levels and associated travel costs (£0.159m) together with supporting young people leaving care (£0.047m) offset by a reduction in third party payments (£0.037m).</p> <p><u>Resources</u>: Underspend £0.039m mainly on pay (£0.065m) offset by an increase in third party payments (£0.022m).</p> <p><u>CIDS</u>: Overspend £0.025m mainly on direct payments (£0.062m) offset by pay and staff travel (£0.028m).</p> <p><u>General</u>: Overspend £0.117m mostly on pay and travel costs (£0.073m), legal and court costs (£0.047m), payments to service users (£0.026m) offset by reduced third party payments (£0.033m).</p>	<p>Keep under review.</p> <p>Due to the overspend within Children Services spending is kept to a minimum where possible.</p>

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Out of County Pooled Budget (Children's Services)	3.178	2.834	(0.344)	(0.250)	Costs reflect existing placements up until March 2014. This reflects known reductions in payments to providers following re-negotiation of contracts. The movement from month 2 reflects further detailed work undertaken.	The focus of high cost placements is now a North Wales project and will continued to be reviewed. The impact of these changes on the Children Services Fostering and Leaving Care budgets has not yet been quantified. Further details are awaited.
Homelessness Accommodation (Housing Services)	0.360	0.198	(0.162)	(0.060)	This reflects current position of the anticipated demand on the service this financial year. The movement from month 2 reflects further detailed work undertaken.	Keep under review. Variance is due to improvements in the service where methods have been put in place to reduce the cost of temporary accommodation.
Accommodation Support Team (Housing Services)	1.206	1.136	(0.070)	(0.100)	Service undergoing restructure which is not yet in place. The movement from month 2 reflects further detailed work undertaken.	Restructure to be implemented.
Other variances (aggregate)	7.016	6.961	(0.055)	0.000	Various minor variances.	Continue to review but not expected to be recurrent.
Total :	60.922	58.773	(2.149)	(1.130)		