

BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16 - FORECAST OUTTURN AS AT 31 MARCH 2016

CONTROLLABLE ITEMS	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Variance Jan 16 £000
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Corporate Parenting and Placements	14,814	17,612	2,798	-263	-663	-400	14,551	16,949	2,398	There is an over spend of £2.398m after the allocation of £1.250m contingency. This is further broken down to External Placements £1.607m, in-house fostering £0.093m, Independent Fostering £0.271m, in-house residential homes £0.122m, Care Leavers Teams £0.464m, and Management and Legal Fees £0.054, offset by savings on Adoption/Custodianship (£0.105m) and Safeguarding and Looked After Children Staffing Teams (£0.110m). There has been an increase of £0.183k since the reported January position, which is in relation to £0.073m for an additional 2 external residential placements, £ 0.025m for 3 new external fostering placements, £0.058m due to non-receipt of Inter agency fee income re 2 adoption placements being delayed to 2016/17, £0.017m re 2 additional supported lodgings placements, and £0.010m in additional agency staff costs to fill vacant Social Work and Social Work Manager posts.	2,215

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Early Help and Vulnerable Families	7,870	8,027	157	-5,741	-6,078	-337	2,129	1,949	-180	The position is net of a forecast overspend in relation to the Childcare Service, including costs for the two north west nurseries up until 31st August 2015 (they have now transferred to the schools). The improvement since the January position is in relation to income for the childcare settings being £0.035m higher than original estimated, £0.063m improvement within Youth Services re reduced expenditure and removal of ringfencing of Youth Justice Board funding, £0.035m improvement within Supporting families re reduced expenditure, and £0.008m additional grant income received in relation to the Troubled Families Payments by Results grant.	-27
Employment and Skills	5,233	5,342	109	-4,410	-4,446	-36	823	896	73	Many services have historically been funded by specific individual grants, mainly from the Department for Education and it was appropriate to ensure these grants made a contribution to service overheads. An income expectation of £0.275m had therefore historically been built into budgets. Whilst the service identified £0.277m of contributions in 2014/15, the majority of this was from one-off sources which were not available in 2015/16. This has been partially offset by staff savings. The improvement from the January report relates to European Social Fund Not in Education, Employment or Training (ESF NEET) funding.	125

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Integrated Disability and Additional Needs Service	3,297	3,778	481	-999	-1,236	-237	2,298	2,542	244	The over spend of £0.244m is due to a combination of staffing and an under recovered income target relating to Health contributions to packages for children with complex needs. The movement from the January position relates to a realignment of health income between Adult and Children's services.	44
School Improvement	13,574	15,751	2,177	-16,269	-18,613	-2,344	-2,695	-2,862	-167	The saving on School Improvement is the net effect of additional income generation from schools offset by staffing over spends. The improvement since January of £0.096m is due primarily to additional income generation.	-49
Wellbeing, Governance & Transformation	16,819	13,492	-3,327	-15,352	-12,386	2,966	1,467	1,106	-361	This area includes central management, administration and business transformation functions. The under spend is mainly within the Planning and Business Transformation cost centre (£0.253m) with the remainder relating to vacancies in central staffing teams .	-395
Learning Disability and Mental Health Services	27,584	30,323	2,739	-8,224	-9,759	-1,535	19,360	20,564	1,204	This area includes all externally commissioned services for adults under 65 years with a learning disability or mental health need. It also includes the specialist care management teams. There has been a significant net increase in individuals supported in recent years and an increase in average levels of complexity and challenging needs. The over spend relates mainly to Learning Disability placements.	1,242

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Older People and Physical Disability Services	38,076	38,372	296	-19,194	-21,068	-1,874	18,882	17,304	-1,578	<p>This service area includes all externally commissioned services for adults 65 years and over and for adults under 65 years who have a physical or sensory disability. It also includes Care Coordination, Support Planning & Brokerage and the hospital based Reablement Discharge Team. These teams reported a total under spend of £0.693m due to vacancies and staff on lower incremental points. The service rigorously challenges the care planning process to ensure that residents are, where appropriate and cost effective, supported to remain at home. This has resulted in the maintenance of an under spent position. Physical Disability Services are showing an over spend of £0.384m but this is more than offset by under spends in Older People's services (£0.643m), other commissioned services (£0.559m) and financial services (£0.066m).</p> <p>The change from January's position is due to an adjustment being made for clients with Deferred Payment Agreements and is related to the introduction of a universal deferred payment scheme under the Care Act. This adjustment reflects client contributions which will be received by the council on sale of a property.</p>	-1,120

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Integrated Services	10,374	9,292	-1,082	-7,228	-6,677	551	3,146	2,615	-531	This service area includes the in-house Reablement Support Team, Cedars, Loan Equipment and Adaptations, Transport, Carecall and in-house Learning Disability services . There are over spends in Loan Equipment and Adaptations (£0.455m) off-set by under spends arising from the need to retain vacancies pending the restructure of in-house Learning Disability services and the impact of the Intermediate Care Bed Review in 2016/17. There has been an improvement in the position for Transport provided to social care clients which is underspent by £0.302m.	-340
Gateway	5,206	5,299	93	-1,756	-2,013	-257	3,450	3,286	-164	This service area includes the Gateway service and former supporting people contracts. The movement from the January position relates to an increased assumption around the use of grant income which is supporting pressures across Health, Education Care and Safeguarding.	-65
Safeguarding Adults	362	271	-91	-24	-24	0	338	247	-91	There is an under spend of £0.032m on staffing due to vacancies with the remaining under spend due to to lower than anticipated spending on independent advocacy relating to the newly extended duty under the Care Act.	-45

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Public Health	12,591	12,206	-385	-12,688	-12,306	382	-97	-100	-3	A provision of £0.450m was made in 2013/14 and 2014/15 for prescription costs payable to the Clinical Commissioning Group. The cost was subsequently agreed at £0.566m, leaving a pressure of £0.116m. This pressure has been mitigated by savings within staffing budgets and commissioned services no longer going ahead in the form originally envisaged. A total of £0.255m ringfenced Public Health Grant has been carried forward into 2016/17. This under spend is in relation to the receipt of additional incentive grant, and re-imbursements to GPs and Pharmacies for health checks and stop smoking services being lower than originally estimated.	15
TOTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, CARE AND SAFEGUARDING	155,800	159,765	3,965	-92,148	-95,269	-3,121	63,652	64,496	844		1,600