

BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16 - FORECAST OUTTURN AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2015

CONTROLLABLE ITEMS	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Variance Sept 15 £000
	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000		
Corporate Parenting and Placements	13,936	16,430	2,494	-463	-721	-258	13,473	15,709	2,236	There is currently a forecast pressure of £2.236m after the allocation of £1.250m contingency. The key areas are; External Placements £1.303m, in-house fostering £0.268m, Independent Fostering £0.249m, in-house residential homes £0.097m, Care Leavers Teams £0.400m, offset by savings on Adoption/ Custodianship (£0.171m). The forecast assumes that there will be a £0.272m contribution from the CCG towards 5 external placements but this is still to be confirmed. The service is committed to containing this expenditure as far as possible whilst ensuring the corporate parenting responsibilities of the Council are delivered, but has struggled to contain demand led pressures. The number of expensive Out of Borough placements has been kept to a minimum and is low in comparison to other LAs in our region. The increase in the pressure since September is due to 3 new residential placements.	1,992
Early Help and Vulnerable Families	7,746	7,791	45	-5,741	-5,814	-73	2,005	1,977	-28	Confirmation has been received in relation to the reduction in the Youth Justice Board Good Practice Grant. The reduction is 10.6% of the original grant allocation, which equates to £0.045m. Previous forecasts had estimated a 14% reduction, so the overall forecast position has improved by £0.014m. In addition, confirmation has been received of a £0.030m contribution from the Police and Crime Commissioner towards the Youth Offending Team. The remaining improvement is within the Youth Service, due to commissioned activities no longer going ahead in the form originally envisaged. 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 (they have now transferred to the schools).	86

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Employment and Skills	5,126	5,070	-56	-4,139	-4,177	-38	987	893	-94	Primarily staff savings	-19
Integrated Disability and Additional Needs Service	3,299	3,931	632	-999	-1,587	-588	2,300	2,344	44	A reappportionment of income from the Clinical Commissioning Group has significantly reduced this adverse variance	324
School Improvement	15,972	16,009	37	-18,687	-18,776	-89	-2,715	-2,767	-52	The improvement since September of £0.089m is due to £0.030m increased staff savings, £0.039m additional income generation and a £0.020m reduction in High Borrans pressure where an action plan is now in place.	37
Schools, Learning and Skills Income Target	167	167	0	-271	-30	241	-104	137	241	Many services have historically been funded by specific individual grants, mainly from the Department for Education where it was appropriate to ensure these grants made a contribution to service overheads. An income expectation of £0.275m has 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 are not available in 2015/16.	271
Wellbeing, Governance & Transformation	16,819	16,486	-333	-15,412	-15,475	-63	1,407	1,011	-396	This area includes the central management, administration and business transformation functions. The underspend is mainly within the Planning and Business Transformation cost centre (£0.345m) with the remainder relating to vacancies in central staffing teams.	-347

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Learning Disability and Mental Health Services	27,594	30,410	2,816	-8,824	-10,104	-1,280	18,770	20,306	1,536	<p>This area includes all externally commissioned services for adults under 65 years with a learning disability or mental health need. It also now 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 overspend relates mainly to Learning Disability placements. There are net Creating Brighter Futures targets of £0.516m allocated to this service area and the service is confident that the required actions to deliver these saving are on track however, the service is subject to on-going demand led pressures. Packages of care continue to be reviewed to ensure that needs are being met in the most cost effective way. The use of personal budgets continues to encourage more innovative ways of meeting needs.</p> <p>There is a potential pressure within Mental Health services where the Clinical Commissioning Group have signalled their intention to withdraw £0.442m of funding relating to Mental Health Resettlement costs. Forecasts have been adjusted to reflect a proportion of this (£0.100m) in line with timescales around decommissioning affected services.</p> <p>The improvement since September relates to a reduction in the forecast for third party payments in relation to overnight services within supported living.</p>	1,771

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Older People and Physical Disability Services	38,076	36,281	-1,795	-18,534	-18,178	356	19,542	18,103	-1,439	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 now includes the Care Coordination, Support Planning & Brokerage and the hospital based Reablement Discharge Team. These teams are currently reporting a total underspend position of (£0.649m) 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 underspent position. Physical Disability Services are showing an overspend of £0.396m but this is more than offset by underspends in Older People's services (£0.790m), other commissioned services (£0.351m) and financial services (£0.045m). There has been a small increase in admissions to residential care resulting in a movement of £0.082m, though this has been offset slightly by an improved position for the social work teams.	-1,508

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Integrated Services	10,374	9,892	-482	-7,228	-6,928	300	3,146	2,964	-182	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 pressures in Loan Equipment and Adaptations (£0.319m) off-set by underspends notably in Reablement Support (£0.246m) and Transport (£0.217m) where personal budgets are being used to manage transport costs more effectively. There has been an increased income target of £0.220m in Carecall under a Creating Brighter Futures project. Whilst the service has put in the planned measures to generate this additional income, a prudent approach has been taken in not fully forecasting the achievement of this target.	-166
Gateway	5,206	5,433	227	-1,756	-2,024	-268	3,450	3,409	-41	This service area includes the Gateway service and former supporting people contracts. The movement from the September position relates to previously vacant posts being filled.	-92
Safeguarding Adults	364	321	-43	-24	-24	0	340	297	-43	This area relates to the Adult Safeguarding Team. The improvement from the September position is due to realignment of Better Care Fund income.	-16
Public Health	12,593	13,427	834	-12,689	-13,507	-818	-96	-80	16	A provision of £0.450m was made in 2013/14 and 2014/15 for prescription costs payable to the CCG. The cost has now been agreed at £0.566m, leaving a pressure of £0.116m. This pressure has been partly mitigated by savings within staffing budgets and commissioned services no longer going ahead in the form originally envisaged.	71
TOTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, CARE AND SAFEGUARDING	157,272	161,648	4,376	-94,767	-97,345	-2,578	62,505	64,303	1,798		2,404