

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD - 2013/14 FINANCIAL YEAR April to September - Month 6

Overall, the month 6 forecast variation for the Children's Services Directorate is an overspend of £2.1m [1.56%] against the net managed budget of £135m. This projection represents a relatively stable position compared to the previous month 5 projections.

Looked After Children - the 2013/14 budget strategy recognised the strategic obsession around reducing the need for children to be in care with budget action plans totally £8m around safely reducing placement numbers [-£6m], increasing funding from partners [-£1m] and negotiating procurement savings [-£1.1m]. At this stage in the financial year, the forecast is that these significant budget savings will largely be achieved, but with some potential slippage. In terms of placement numbers, at the end of September 2013, there were 68 children & young people in externally provided residential placements [+3 compared to the financial model] and 246 children & young people in placements with Independent Fostering Agencies [+34] compared with the financial model. Overall, these placement numbers translate into a potential pressure of £1.4m. In addition, discussions are continuing with partners around achieving the right balance of funding for the most complex placements. The month 6 projections continue to recognise some demand pressures around alternatives to care, including adoptions and special guardianship orders [£0.7m] and care leavers [£0.3m].

Staffing - at month 6 the overall staffing budgets are forecast to underspend by £4m across the combined general fund, grant funded and central schools budget functions. These projections recognise the number of vacant posts across the Directorate and also the impact of the predominantly internal recruitment market. The forecast spend on agency staffing is £5.7m and £1.2m on overtime.

Premises & Supplies & Services - the projected variation confirms the intention to release the earmarked reserves to support the in-house residential review [£0.2m] and the relocation of the Youth Offending Service [£0.15] in addition to forecast savings from restricting all non-essential spend.

Transport - the 2013/14 budget strategy included anticipated savings of £2.8m in the current year from reviewing the way all aspects of home to school transport is provided. The month 6 projections reflect the Executive Board's decision to phase the implementation of the agreed changes to the home to school transport policies in addition to some continuing demand pressures which are mitigated in part through the implementation of some provision changes in the current year, including transport for Looked after Children.

Income - the forecast £2.9m variation across the income and funding budgets is due in the main to forecast underspends across the services/functions which are funded by the Central Schools Budget (Dedicated Schools Grant) [£2.3m] in addition to a forecast variation [£0.44m] in respect of nursery fee income, mitigated by an additional £0.3m of performance by results funding in respect of the Families First (Leeds) programme.

Budget Management - net variations against the approved budget

	PROJECTED VARIANCES														Total (under) / overspend £'000
	Expenditure Budget £'000	Income Budget £'000	Latest Estimate £'000	Staffing £'000	Premises £'000	Supplies & Services £'000	Transport £'000	Internal Charges £'000	External Providers £'000	Transfer Payments £'000	Capital £'000	Appropriation £'000	Total Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	
Month 2	291,594	(156,423)	135,171	(3,346)	(227)	25	48	567	904	181	0	0	(1,848)	2,998	1,150
Month 3	292,402	(157,071)	135,331	(2,184)	(235)	29	180	(142)	955	195	0	0	(1,202)	2,391	1,189
Month 4	291,339	(155,876)	135,463	(3,734)	(603)	(464)	2,192	618	1,226	(212)	0	0	(977)	2,591	1,614
Month 5	290,243	(155,508)	134,735	(3,308)	(602)	(28)	2,139	833	870	45	0	0	(51)	2,042	1,991
Month 6	290,560	(155,825)	134,735	(4,035)	(434)	51	2,443	485	717	13	0	0	(760)	2,900	2,140
Month 7															
Month 8															
Month 9															
Month 10															
Month 11															
Month 12															
Outturn															

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Partnership, Development & Business Support	17,713	(16,075)	1,638	(410)	(235)	(951)	(814)	(620)							
Learning, Skills & Universal Services	78,802	(55,880)	22,922	(209)	(202)	(402)	(634)	(615)							
Safeguarding, Targeted & Specialist Services	125,747	(29,646)	96,101	1,299	1,809	156	738	303							
Strategy, Performance & Commissioning	68,298	(54,224)	14,074	470	(183)	2,811	2,701	3,072							
Total	290,560	(155,825)	134,735	1,150	1,189	1,614	1,991	2,140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FTE & AGENCY NUMBERS		BUDGET	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12	Outturn
Partnership, Development & Business Support	FTE	106.1	91.5	129.7	129.1	133.6	133.0							
	Vacancies		(14.6)	23.6	23.0	27.5	26.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Agency		1.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	5.0							
Learning, Skills & Universal Services	FTE	1,006.3	916.6	907.0	908.8	861.8	868.0							
	Vacancies		(89.7)	(99.3)	(97.5)	(122.5)	(138.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Agency		34.0	41.3	36.5	29.0	18.7							
Safeguarding, Targeted & Specialist Services	FTE	1,582.3	1,400.1	1,400.0	1,398.9	1,426.2	1,430.4							
	Vacancies		(182.2)	(182.3)	(183.4)	(156.1)	(151.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Agency		109.0	137.7	130.6	137.9	115.8							
Strategy, Performance & Commissioning	FTE	135.6	126.5	96.0	96.1	95.7	95.8							
	Vacancies		(9.1)	(39.6)	(39.5)	(39.9)	(39.8)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Agency		1.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	1.0							
Total		2,830.3	2,534.7	2,532.7	2,532.9	2,517.3	2,527.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
			(295.6)	(297.6)	(297.4)	(291.0)	(303.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
			145.0	183.0	174.1	172.9	140.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Key Budget Action Plans

	Value £m	RAG
Secure the £1.5m health funding for service transformation	0.7	Yellow
Achieve the budgeted savings of £6m in respect of placements for looked after children	2.5	Yellow
Achieve the budgeted health funding of £1.2m for complex placements	0.6	Yellow
Reduce the cost of transport for looked after children	0.2	Yellow

