

CHILDREN'S SERVICES FINANCIAL DASHBOARD
Quarter 1 (April to June 2015)

Part A

Children's Services Directorate has an overall net managed budget (NMB) for 2015/16 of £120.73m.

Overall - at this early stage of the financial year the Directorate is highlighting an overall potential year end overspend of circa **£3.59m** which equates to 3.0% of the Directorates NMB.

CLA Obsession - the overall number of CLA is **1265**. Placement mix is still an issue with reductions in cheaper or no cost placements such as Kinship Care, children placed for Adoption and with Parents but increases in IFA placements and in-house fostering placements. External residential placements have reduced by **6** since Period 1 (**54 to 48**) giving a favourable movement of (**£256k**) however, conversely IFA placements have increased by **7** in the period (**253 to 260**) giving an adverse movement of **£605k**. Overall forecast pressure for CLA of circa **£3.30m**

Service Transformation - the 15/16 budget includes circa **£9.50m** of transformational savings including £3.05m reductions in the Youth Service, £2.16m of savings to Early Help Services and £3.15m of savings from service re-design/ reconfiguration. Overall, these transformational elements of the programme are forecast to deliver to budget. Consultation continues with partners re the potential for joint funding around the deployment of multi-agency teams and Children's Centre services.

Transport - the 15/16 strategy includes **£0.83m** of anticipated savings around demand management. At this stage circa £0.25m is anticipated to be at risk as demand around SEN transport remains a concern.

Partnerships/Trading - At this stage, the action plans around rationalising/trading the learning improvement service to schools (**£1.0m**) are projected to be delivered in full.

Budget Management - net variations against the approved budget

	Expenditure Budget £'000	Income Budget £'000	Latest Estimate £'000	PROJECTED VARIANCES											Total (under) / overspend £'000	
				Staffing	Premises	Supplies & Services	Transport	Internal Charges	External Providers	Transfer Payments	Capital	Appropriation	Total Expenditure	Income		
				£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Partnership, Development & Business Support	19,605	(2,555)	17,050	500	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	0	750	0	750
Learning, Skills & Universal Services	128,450	(115,226)	13,224	0	(44)	554	49	199	749	0	0	0	0	1,507	(1,907)	(400)
Safeguarding, Targeted & Specialist Services	127,106	(33,565)	93,541	0	0	0	0	0	3,643	323	0	0	0	3,966	(727)	3,239
Strategy, Performance & Commissioning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Overheads	9,857	(12,938)	(3,081)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	285,018	(164,284)	120,734	500	(44)	554	49	449	4,392	323	0	0	0	6,223	(2,634)	3,589

Key Budget Action Plans and Budget Variations:

		Lead Officer	Additional Comments	Action Plan Value £m	Forecast Variation £m
A. Key Budget Action plans (BAP's)					
1.	Children Looked After (CLA) Placements - reducing the need for children to be in care	Steve Walker	At 31/3/15 the active cohort of CLA stood at 1, 270, down 70 from the position at 31/3/14 (1,340) but 40 greater than assumed within the budget. At P2 the CLA cohort stands at 1,265 - main issue continues to be dependency on external residential placements (48) and Independent Fostering Agency placements (260)	7.00	3.30
2.	Service Transformation/Reconfiguration	Steve Walker	£3.15m savings from service re-design & Early Leavers Initiative (£2.15m) and exploration of joint/co-funding from key partners (£1.00m) to support devolvement of preventative/targeted services to localities. Consultation on-going with partners ELI driving staffing savings through post deletions and service reconfiguration	3.15	0.00
3.	Reduction/reconfiguration of Youth Services (recommissioning of targeted Information & Advice contract and In-house Youth Services)	Andrea Richardson	£3.05m savings from re-commissioning of the Targeted Information & Advice Contract (£1.35m) and reducing in-house provided Youth Services (£1.70m). Ongoing consultation with partners re potential for joint funding	3.05	0.00
4.	Reconfiguration of Children's Centres (including Family Support & Parenting Team & Early Help Commissioned Services)	Andrea Richardson	Slippage in plans to re-configure Children's Centres and associated services, on-going consultation with partners re potential for joint funding	2.16	0.00
5.	Learning Improvement - reconfiguration and/or further trading	Paul Brennan	New "Leeds for Learning" web-site implemented enabling schools to enrol/subscribe for services on-line and services to track demand and inform marketing strategy. Services aiming to deliver through combination of vacancy management and increased trading - no slippage anticipated at this stage.	1.00	0.00
6.	Transport -savings through reducing demand (Independent Travel Training) and general efficiency savings	Sue Rumbold	Team continue to actively work on Independent Travel Training element of savings (circa £330k) - potential pressure around other 'general' transport savings and demographic pressures re SEN related transport	0.83	0.25
7.	Seconded Heads	Paul Brennan	Original plans put on hold pending the outcome of on-going consultation with partners	0.25	0.25
B. OTHER SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS					
8.	Vine Income	Paul Brennan	Indications are that favourable outturn variation in Vine income for 14/15 will re-materialise in 2015/16	0.00	(0.21)

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