

CHILDREN'S SERVICES FINANCIAL DASHBOARD - 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR OUTTURN

Part B

Overall

The outturn position for the Children's Services Directorate is an overspend of £2.82m against a net managed budget of £126.24m

Looked After Children - the 2014/15 budget strategy recognised the strategic obsession around reducing the need for children to be in care with budget action plans totalling some £5.8m around safely reducing placement numbers and changing the mix of placement provision. In terms of placement numbers, at the end of March, there were 57 children & young people in externally provided residential placements [+20 compared to the financial model] and 262 children & young people in placements with Independent Fostering Agencies [+82 compared with the financial model]. Overall, these placement numbers translate into a budget overspend at outturn of £5m. The outturn position also reflected demand pressures around special guardianship orders [£0.1m], assisted adoptions [£0.4m], in-house fostering [£0.4m], Direct Payments [£0.2m] and Leaving Care Services [£0.6m].

Staffing - At outturn, the overall staffing budgets underspent by £1.75m across the general fund, grant/income funded and central schools budget functions. This underspend reflects the continuing number of vacant posts across the Directorate, the impact of the predominantly internal recruitment market, reductions in the use of agency staffing and the links to grant funding and income budgets. The year-end spend on agency staffing and overtime was £4.3m and £1.0m respectively.

Transport - the 2014/15 budget strategy included £4.6m of anticipated savings around policy and provision changes in respect of home to school/college transport. Slippage against these action plans combined with additional demand is responsible for a year-end overspend of circa £2.5m.

Income - the £4.5m overall favourable variation for income and funding budgets largely reflects additional income/funding from a range of sources including Families First (£1.2m), DfE innovations fund (£1.7m), utilisation of additional capital receipts to fund schools capital spend (£2.8m), Health Innovations funding (£0.5m) and health funding for complex residential placements (£0.4m). These favourable variations are partly offset by shortfalls in Nursery fee income (£1.1m) and slippage on the creation and take up of free early education 2 year old places across the children's centres and private, voluntary and independent sector providers which are funded via the dedicated schools grant (£1.2m).

Other pressures across the Directorate include Children's Centres [£0.9m] and Social Work/ Safeguarding Teams and associated costs [£1m].

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	
Month 2	281,087	(153,351)	127,736	(805)	99	253	154	86	1,831	(83)	0	(39)	1,496	428	1,924
Month 3	280,582	(152,959)	127,623	(13)	341	351	1,957	936	1,771	224	0	(337)	5,230	306	5,536
Month 4	282,319	(154,696)	127,623	209	355	320	2,008	791	832	299	0	(368)	4,446	(518)	3,928
Month 5	282,598	(154,976)	127,622	204	146	296	1,992	735	1,915	144	0	(213)	5,219	(636)	4,583
Month 6	283,352	(155,730)	127,622	(142)	363	460	1,991	671	3,052	145	0	(177)	6,363	(1,018)	5,345
Month 7	283,312	(155,648)	127,664	(184)	102	(206)	2,374	609	3,915	336	0	(275)	6,671	(3,078)	3,593
Month 8	281,841	(155,612)	126,229	(812)	111	(32)	2,096	524	5,018	427	0	(305)	7,027	(3,067)	3,960
Month 9	281,482	(155,254)	126,228	(981)	86	47	2,102	457	4,909	437	0	(317)	6,740	(2,178)	4,562
Month 10	280,974	(154,746)	126,228	(1,247)	40	111	2,299	96	5,592	413	0	667	7,971	(3,652)	4,319
Month 11	280,913	(154,685)	126,228	(1,842)	75	4	2,390	(260)	4,966	436	0	941	6,710	(2,951)	3,759
Month 12	281,020	(154,792)	126,228	(1,852)	26	(274)	2,350	129	5,098	467	0	3,322	9,266	(6,119)	3,147
Outturn	282,478	(156,236)	126,242	(1,745)	(191)	(209)	2,410	(293)	4,841	725	0	1,800	7,338	(4,515)	2,823

	Expenditure Budget £'000	Income Budget £'000	Latest Estimate £'000	Month 2 £'000	Month 3 £'000	Month 4 £'000	Month 5 £'000	Month 6 £'000	Month 7 £'000	Month 8 £'000	Month 9 £'000	Month 10 £'000	Month 11 £'000	Month 12 £'000	Outturn £'000
Partnership, Development & Business Support	9,042	(1,146)	7,896	(39)	(2)	29	15	16	(785)	(851)	(902)	(976)	(1,279)	(1,368)	(1,433)
Learning, Skills & Universal Services	84,362	(61,190)	23,172	649	720	1,059	1,178	1,116	1,013	1,075	1,287	1,502	1,378	1,039	1,030
Safeguarding, Targeted & Specialist Services	118,773	(24,462)	94,311	1,333	2,194	2,424	2,770	3,684	3,202	3,936	4,189	3,921	3,880	3,781	3,638
Strategy, Performance & Commissioning	66,608	(55,192)	11,416	(19)	2,624	416	620	529	163	(200)	(12)	(98)	(190)	(275)	(157)
Central Overheads	3,693	(14,246)	(10,553)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(30)	(30)	(30)	(255)
Total	282,478	(156,236)	126,242	1,924	5,536	3,928	4,583	5,345	3,593	3,960	4,562	4,319	3,759	3,147	2,823

FTE & AGENCY NUMBERS

	Original Estimate	Latest Estimate	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	223.0	188.2	206.1	202.6	202.3	205.4	203.9	197.4	197.4	165.2	158.0	159.1	161.1	161.1
Vacancies			(20.1)	(23.6)	(23.9)	(20.8)	(22.3)	(28.8)	(28.8)	(24.0)	(30.2)	(29.1)	(27.1)	(27.1)
Agency			2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Learning, Skills & Universal Services	874.8	853.3	843.3	842.8	847.0	841.1	824.1	849.2	844.9	845.2	833.4	830.3	823.2	823.2
Vacancies			(10.0)	(10.5)	(6.3)	(12.2)	(29.2)	(4.1)	(8.4)	(9.1)	(19.9)	(23.0)	(30.1)	(30.1)
Agency			8.1	11.8	12.2	6.5	4.8	6.7	7.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	1.0	1.0
Safeguarding, Targeted & Specialist Services	1,526.8	1,520.4	1,406.7	1,402.5	1,400.8	1,407.4	1,417.3	1,433.6	1,424.7	1,424.0	1,414.1	1,409.1	1,409.3	1,409.3
Vacancies			(113.7)	(117.9)	(119.6)	(113.0)	(103.1)	(86.8)	(95.7)	(93.4)	(106.3)	(111.3)	(111.1)	(111.1)
Agency			89.4	102.6	106.3	102.0	103.4	99.7	94.1	91.6	78.3	75.7	69.4	69.4
Strategy, Performance & Commissioning	78.5	87.1	77.0	78.6	77.1	77.1	77.1	79.1	78.1	77.4	73.6	71.6	71.3	71.3
Vacancies			(10.1)	(8.5)	(10.0)	(10.0)	(10.0)	(8.0)	(9.0)	(9.7)	(13.5)	(15.5)	(15.8)	(15.8)
Agency			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	2,703.1	2,649.0	2,533.1	2,526.5	2,527.2	2,531.0	2,522.4	2,559.3	2,545.1	2,511.8	2,479.1	2,470.1	2,464.9	2,464.9
Vacancies			(153.9)	(160.5)	(159.8)	(156.0)	(164.6)	(127.7)	(141.9)	(136.2)	(169.9)	(178.9)	(184.1)	(184.1)
Agency			99.5	116.4	120.5	110.5	110.2	108.4	103.1	97.6	84.3	80.7	71.4	71.4

Key Budget Action Plans & Risks

Risk (£m) RAG

No significant action plan savings are assumed in the 2014/15 projections

