

Health & Social Services Scrutiny Report
Budget Monitoring as at 29th February 2024 - Summary

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Adult Services										
Older People	76,961	-26,538	3,701	54,125	78,189	-26,140	3,701	55,750	1,626	1,865
Physical Disabilities	9,123	-1,910	276	7,489	10,081	-2,874	276	7,482	-7	-54
Learning Disabilities	48,371	-11,921	1,475	37,925	48,746	-11,844	1,475	38,377	452	617
Mental Health	12,097	-4,497	234	7,834	12,695	-4,414	234	8,515	681	683
Support	11,204	-7,631	1,114	4,688	11,118	-7,500	1,114	4,732	45	108
Children's Services										
Children's Services	30,001	-9,965	2,630	22,666	40,575	-13,606	2,630	29,599	6,933	6,973
GRAND TOTAL	187,757	-62,462	9,430	134,726	201,403	-66,378	9,430	144,455	9,729	10,192

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Older People							
Older People - Residential Care Homes (Local Authority Provision)	10,354	-4,554	10,943	-4,390	752	The overspend is the result of external staff agency costs, increased overtime, pay award costs and the setting up of deputy managers in some of the Care Homes to ensure appropriate cover and capacity as a result higher dependency of residents. Some of the overspend has been mitigated by increased income through higher occupancy rates and lower than anticipated premises costs. Moving forward the budget will be adjusted accordingly for 2024/25. In the coming months we will also be developing an in-house agency pilot for the Llanelli based homes that will deliver a more flexible pool of casual staff. It is hoped that this will be rolled out in April 2024 with a view, if successful, of deploying across the County in the summer of 2024. This will reduce on-going agency and overtime costs. We will continue to monitor sickness closely and consistently as well as being more efficient in the way we recruit	960
Older People - Residential Care Homes	31,792	-14,062	32,239	-14,062	447	Numbers on waiting lists are reducing as assessed needs are being met in alternative ways. However care packages are increasing as capacity develops in care sector.	450
Older People - Direct Payments	1,349	-313	1,523	-313	173	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	190
Older People - Private Home Care	10,038	-2,638	10,692	-2,638	654	Numbers on waiting lists are reducing as assessed needs are being met in alternative ways. However care packages are increasing as capacity develops in care sector.	745
Older People - Reablement	2,225	-527	1,992	-527	-233	Staffing vacancies	-274
Older People - Other variances					-168	Underspend relates primarily to a reduced provision of day services when compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-206
Physical Disabilities							
Phys Dis - Residential Care Homes	1,652	-314	1,406	-314	-246	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at February 2024	-210
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,164	-603	3,490	-603	326	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	311
Phys Dis - Other variances					-87		-155

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Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,035	-91	1,064	-287	-167	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-93
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	4,843	0	6,332	-144	1,345	Increased costs associated with providing specialist support and fostering placements for young people / children looked after, some with highly complex needs £625k, Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) £88k, Fostering £761k. This is partly offset by additional WG grant £129k	1,303
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children (UASC)	0	0	1,652	-1,316	336	Increase in number of Unaccompanied Children & more expensive placement costs in excess of the fixed income received.	293
Commissioned Residential Placements (CS)	469	0	3,833	-12	3,353	Several ongoing highly complex placements in 2023/24	3,117
Residential Settings	1,409	-361	2,871	-1,574	249	£249k Garreglwyd - agency staff costs forecast due to difficulty recruiting & sickness cover. £554k forecast overspend for new setting Ty Magu / Ross Avenue, which is being offset by £554k WG grant	254
Respite Settings	1,106	0	1,174	0	68	Increased staffing costs £29k re meeting service demand, vacancy / absence cover and impact of increased pay award in excess of budget, additional vehicles needed £17k and additional premises maintenance costs forecast £22k for essential works following outcome of recent playground inspection at Llys Caradog	88
Adoption Services	781	-190	1,202	-486	125	Overspend in relation to increased staffing costs, including agency staff and travelling costs re ongoing service demands £75k. Additional costs for Inter Agency Adoption fees, Adoption Allowances and Therapy / Counselling costs, again in line with service demands £50k	101
Supporting Childcare	1,675	-1,141	1,666	-1,155	-23	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-16
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	657	0	1,628	-249	722	Increased demand for Direct Payments with further pressures linked to post covid & lack of commissioned services available £310k. Increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £412k	882
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	1,023	-643	1,117	-775	-38	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	25
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,405	-164	1,307	-207	-141	Number of part year staff vacancies, delays in recruitment and additional short term grants being utilised	-86
Other Variances					-3		4
Grand Total					9,729		10,192

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Adult Services											
Older People											
Older People - Care Management	4,412	-642	675	4,445	4,465	-641	675	4,499	54		34
Older People - Residential Care Homes (Local Authority Provision)	10,354	-4,554	1,319	7,120	10,943	-4,390	1,319	7,872	752	The overspend is the result of external staff agency costs, increased overtime, pay award costs and the setting up of deputy managers in some of the Care Homes to ensure appropriate cover and capacity as a result higher dependency of residents. Some of the overspend has been mitigated by increased income through higher occupancy rates and lower than anticipated premises costs. Moving forward the budget will be adjusted accordingly for 2024/25. In the coming months we will also be developing an in-house agency pilot for the Llanelli based homes that will deliver a more flexible pool of casual staff. It is hoped that this will be rolled out in April 2024 with a view, if successful, of deploying across the County in the summer of 2024. This will reduce on-going agency and overtime costs. We will continue to monitor sickness closely and consistently as well as being more efficient in the way we recruit	960
Older People - Supported Living	109	0	0	109	109	0	0	109	0		0
Older People - Residential Care Homes	31,792	-14,062	328	18,058	32,239	-14,062	328	18,505	447	Numbers on waiting lists are reducing as assessed needs are being met in alternative ways. However care packages are increasing as capacity develops in care sector.	450
Older People - Private Day Care	35	0	0	35	74	0	0	74	39		27
Older People - Extra Care	677	0	10	687	710	0	10	720	33		34
Older People - LA Home Care	8,387	0	750	9,137	8,339	-0	750	9,089	-48		-43
Older People - MOW's	6	-6	0	-0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Older People - Direct Payments	1,349	-313	6	1,043	1,523	-313	6	1,216	173	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	190
Older People - Grants	2,554	-2,324	16	246	2,576	-2,349	16	244	-3		4
Older People - Private Home Care	10,038	-2,638	116	7,516	10,692	-2,638	116	8,170	654	Numbers on waiting lists are reducing as assessed needs are being met in alternative ways. However care packages are increasing as capacity develops in care sector.	745
Older People - Management and Support	1,704	-303	182	1,584	1,423	-110	182	1,496	-88		-73
Older People - Careline	2,219	-1,077	4	1,146	2,219	-1,077	4	1,146	-0		0
Older People - Reablement	2,225	-527	174	1,871	1,992	-527	174	1,639	-233	Staffing vacancies	-274
Older People - Day Services	852	-92	122	882	722	-34	122	809	-73		-86
Older People - Private Day Services	247	0	0	247	165	0	0	165	-83		-103
Total Older People	76,961	-26,538	3,701	54,125	78,189	-26,140	3,701	55,750	1,626		1,865

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Physical Disabilities											
Phys Dis - OT Services	883	-301	42	623	809	-149	42	703	79		31
Phys Dis - Residential Care Homes	1,652	-314	13	1,352	1,406	-314	13	1,106	-246	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at February 2024	-210
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,520	-174	12	1,357	1,450	-174	12	1,288	-69		-39
Phys Dis - Community Support	196	0	1	197	141	0	1	142	-55		-66
Phys Dis - Private Home Care	357	-92	3	268	357	-92	3	268	0		0
Phys Dis - Aids & Equipment	1,129	-424	190	894	2,205	-1,541	190	854	-40		-11
Phys Dis - Grants	163	0	0	163	221	0	0	221	58		-11
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,164	-603	14	2,575	3,490	-603	14	2,901	326	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	311
Phys Dis - Manual Handling	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	-4		-4
Phys Dis - Independent Living Fund	55	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	-55		-55
Total Physical Disabilities	9,123	-1,910	276	7,489	10,081	-2,874	276	7,482	-7		-54
Learning Disabilities											
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	2,144	-359	359	2,144	1,719	-246	359	1,832	-312	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-344
Learn Dis - Care Management	1,057	-37	144	1,163	1,132	-60	144	1,215	52		29
Learn Dis - Residential Care Homes	13,970	-4,524	81	9,527	14,478	-4,524	81	10,034	508	Progress being made in the right sizing of individual packages and in developing alternatives to residential care. This is mitigated by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability and children transitioning through from Children's Services. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.	407
Learn Dis - Direct Payments	5,906	-572	23	5,357	5,909	-572	23	5,360	3		18
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	11,515	-2,295	84	9,303	12,572	-2,295	84	10,361	1,057	Progress being made in the right sizing of individual packages and in developing alternatives to residential care. This is mitigated by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability and children transitioning through from Children's Services. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.	1,227
Learn Dis - Adult Respite Care	1,159	-812	119	467	1,252	-812	119	560	93		66
Learn Dis - Home Care Service	365	-161	4	208	365	-161	4	208	0		0
Learn Dis - Day Services (Local Authority Provision)	2,936	-491	401	2,847	2,629	-237	401	2,793	-53		-40
Learn Dis - Private Day Services	981	-84	11	909	893	-84	11	821	-88		-75
Learn Dis - 0 to 25 Service	570	0	97	667	565	0	97	662	-5		-9
Learn Dis - Community Support	3,568	-162	24	3,429	3,112	-162	24	2,973	-456	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at February 2024	-440
Learn Dis - Grants	540	-162	5	384	470	-162	5	314	-70		-37
Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	3,095	-2,104	84	1,075	3,027	-2,381	84	731	-344	Provision of respite care is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels and part-year vacant posts	-277
Learn Dis/M Health - Management and Support	566	-158	38	447	623	-148	38	513	66		93
Total Learning Disabilities	48,371	-11,921	1,475	37,925	48,746	-11,844	1,475	38,377	452		617

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Mental Health											
M Health - Care Management	1,518	-155	83	1,445	1,435	-144	83	1,373	-72		-78
M Health - Residential Care Homes	6,986	-3,394	41	3,632	7,446	-3,394	41	4,093	460	Progress being made in the right sizing of individual packages and developing alternatives to residential care is a priority for 2024/25. This is mitigated by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a mental health issue and children transitioning from Children's Services. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.	510
M Health - Residential Care Homes (Substance Misuse)	188	-34	0	154	188	-34	0	154	0		0
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,677	-446	7	1,238	2,053	-446	7	1,614	376	Progress being made in the right sizing of individual packages and developing alternatives to residential care is a priority for 2024/25. This is mitigated by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a mental health issue and children transitioning from Children's Services. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.	423
M Health - Direct Payments	287	-45	1	242	282	-45	1	237	-5		-13
M Health - Community Support	846	-132	13	727	784	-127	13	669	-58		-92
M Health - Day Services	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0		0
M Health - Private Home Care	92	-29	1	65	92	-29	1	65	0		0
M Health - Substance Misuse Team	501	-261	88	328	414	-194	88	308	-20		-68
Total Mental Health	12,097	-4,497	234	7,834	12,695	-4,414	234	8,515	681		683
Support											
Departmental Support	4,337	-3,022	799	2,114	4,416	-3,044	799	2,171	57		78
Performance, Analysis & Systems	643	-162	44	525	639	-162	44	521	-5		-4
VAWDASV	980	-980	8	8	980	-980	8	8	0		-0
Adult Safeguarding & Commissioning Team	2,100	-219	100	1,981	2,165	-221	100	2,044	63		42
Regional Collaborative	1,515	-1,362	65	218	1,515	-1,362	65	218	-0		-0
Holding Acc-Transport	1,629	-1,886	98	-159	1,403	-1,731	98	-230	-71		-7
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CCG - Children & Communities Grant	6,552	-6,544	14	21	6,081	-6,073	14	21	0		0

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