

Health & Social Services Scrutiny Report Budget Monitoring as at 31st August 2023 - Summary

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Aug 2023 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	June 2023 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
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Adult Services										
Older People	76,961	-26,538	3,618	54,041	77,208	-26,109	3,618	54,716	675	602
Physical Disabilities	9,123	-1,910	276	7,489	9,399	-2,555	276	7,119	-370	-185
Learning Disabilities	48,410	-11,960	1,475	37,925	48,535	-11,275	1,475	38,735	811	848
Mental Health	12,043	-4,443	234	7,834	12,583	-4,319	234	8,499	665	638
Support	11,260	-7,631	1,198	4,826	11,347	-7,472	1,198	5,072	246	53
Children's Services										
Children's Services	28,863	-9,054	2,630	22,439	37,770	-12,086	2,630	28,313	5,874	5,368
GRAND TOTAL	186,659	-61,535	9,430	134,554	196,842	-63,817	9,430	142,455	7,902	7,325

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Budget Monitoring as at 31st August 2023 - Main Variances

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Older People							
Older People - LA Homes	10,354	-4,554	10,649	-4,376	472	Staff agency costs remain high due to a mixture of general higher dependency of residents, vacancies and sickness. In the coming months we will 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. We will continue to monitor sickness closely and consistently as well as being more efficient in the way we recruit.	474
Older People - Private/ Vol Homes	31,792	-14,062	32,042	-14,062	249	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.	238
Older People - LA Home Care	8,387	0	7,659	-0	-727	Staffing vacancies	-741
Older People - Direct Payments	1,349	-313	1,554	-313	204	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	201
Older People - Private Home Care	10,038	-2,638	11,019	-2,638	981	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.	981
Older People - Enablement	2,225	-527	1,838	-527	-386	Staffing vacancies	-382
Older People - Other					-118		-168
Physical Disabilities							
Phys Dis - Private/Vol Homes	1,652	-314	1,391	-314	-261	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at August 2023	-117
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,520	-174	1,199	-174	-320	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at August 2023	-177
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,164	-603	3,376	-603	212	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	180
Phys Dis - Other					-0		-71
Learning Disabilities							
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	2,195	-410	1,680	-178	-283	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-229
Learn Dis - Private/Vol Homes	13,970	-4,524	14,485	-4,524	515	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 or mental health issue. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.	507
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	11,515	-2,295	12,323	-2,295	808	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 or mental health issue. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.	781
Learn Dis - Other					-230		-211

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Mental Health							
M Health - Private/Vol Homes	6,986	-3,394	7,376	-3,394	390	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 or mental health issue. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.	393
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,707	-446	2,239	-446	531	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 or mental health issue. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.	525
M Health - Other					-256		-279
Support							
Departmental Support	4,337	-3,022	4,487	-3,023	150	Implementation of 2024/25 efficiency in progress but not expected to be realised this financial year	18
Support - Other					96		35
Children's Services							
Commissioning and Social Work	8,019	-115	8,976	-535	536	Increased agency staff costs forecast £638k re additional demand & difficulty recruiting permanent staff and increased demand for assistance to clients and their families £263k. This is partly offset by additional grant income. Reduction from June forecast is mainly due to a revised forecast for legal fees which is on budget.	985
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,035	-91	958	-91	-77	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-58
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	4,843	0	5,883	-149	892	Increased costs associated with providing specialist support and fostering placements for young people / children looked after, some with highly complex needs £445k, Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) £26k, Fostering £570k. This is partly offset by additional WG grant £149k	894
Adoption Services	591	0	742	0	151	Overspend in relation to increased staffing costs, including agency staff and travelling costs re ongoing service demands £75k. Also, additional costs forecast in August in relation to Inter Agency Adoption fees, Adoption Allowances and Therapy / Counselling costs, again in line with service demands £76k	80
Out of County Placements (CS)	469	0	3,250	-12	2,770	Several ongoing, highly complex placements in 2023/24, with a further increase in number of placements compared with 2022/23 and those forecast at June 2023	1,907

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Residential Settings	1,323	-361	2,564	-1,411	191	£191k Garreglwyd - agency staff costs forecast due to difficulty recruiting & sickness cover (reduction since June report is growth budget allocation). £507k forecast overspend for the new Ty Magu residential setting being offset by £507k WG grant.	499
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	657	0	1,991	-105	1,229	Increased demand for Direct Payments with further pressures linked to post covid & lack of commissioned services available £491k. Also increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £738k	982
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	1,023	-643	1,061	-734	-53	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-68
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,189	-164	2,554	-1,314	215	Large increase in number of Unaccompanied Children resulting in more expensive placement costs in excess of the fixed income received £322k, additional Carefirst / Eclipse system costs £21k. This is partially offset by savings by not replacing 2 x vacant posts within the management and administration teams £128k	124
Children's Services - Other					21		22
Grand Total					7,902		7,325

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Adult Services											
Older People											
Older People - Commissioning	4,412	-642	675	4,445	4,395	-535	675	4,535	91		14
Older People - LA Homes	10,354	-4,554	1,319	7,120	10,649	-4,376	1,319	7,592	472	Staff agency costs remain high due to a mixture of general higher dependency of residents, vacancies and sickness. In the coming months we will 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. We will continue to monitor sickness closely and consistently as well as being more efficient in the way we recruit.	474
Older People - Supported Living	109	0	0	109	109	0	0	109	0		0
Older People - Private/ Vol Homes	31,792	-14,062	328	18,058	32,042	-14,062	328	18,307	249	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.	238
Older People - Private Day Care	35	0	0	35	52	0	0	52	17		14
Older People - Extra Care	677	0	10	687	677	0	10	687	0		0
Older People - LA Home Care	8,387	0	750	9,137	7,659	-0	750	8,409	-727	Staffing vacancies	-741
Older People - MOW's	6	-6	0	-0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Older People - Direct Payments	1,349	-313	6	1,043	1,554	-313	6	1,247	204	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	201
Older People - Grants	2,554	-2,324	16	246	2,568	-2,325	16	260	13		0
Older People - Private Home Care	10,038	-2,638	116	7,516	11,019	-2,638	116	8,497	981	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.	981
Older People - Ssmms	1,704	-303	99	1,500	1,586	-220	99	1,464	-36		-17
Older People - Careline	2,219	-1,077	4	1,146	2,219	-1,077	4	1,146	-0		0
Older People - Enablement	2,225	-527	174	1,871	1,838	-527	174	1,485	-386	Staffing vacancies	-382
Older People - Day Services	852	-92	122	882	696	-37	122	781	-101	Provision of day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-96
Older People - Private Day Services	247	0	0	247	145	0	0	145	-103	Provision of day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-83
Older People Total	76,961	-26,538	3,618	54,041	77,208	-26,109	3,618	54,716	675		602
Physical Disabilities											
Phys Dis - Commissioning & OT Services	883	-301	42	623	744	-152	42	634	11		-10
Phys Dis - Private/Vol Homes	1,652	-314	13	1,352	1,391	-314	13	1,090	-261	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at August 2023	-117
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,520	-174	12	1,357	1,199	-174	12	1,037	-320	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at August 2023	-177
Phys Dis - Community Support	196	0	1	197	166	0	1	168	-29		-52
Phys Dis - Private Home Care	357	-92	3	268	357	-92	3	268	0		0
Phys Dis - Aids & Equipment	1,129	-424	190	894	1,951	-1,218	190	922	28		0
Phys Dis - Grants	163	0	0	163	154	0	0	154	-9		-9

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Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,164	-603	14	2,575	3,376	-603	14	2,787	212	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	180
Phys Dis - Manual Handling	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	0		0
Phys Dis - Independent Living Fund	55	0	0	55	55	0	0	55	0		0
Physical Disabilities Total	9,123	-1,910	276	7,489	9,399	-2,555	276	7,119	-370		-185
Learning Disabilities											
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	2,195	-410	359	2,144	1,680	-178	359	1,861	-283	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-229
Learn Dis - Commissioning	1,057	-37	144	1,163	1,068	-59	144	1,152	-11		9
Learn Dis - Private/Vol Homes	13,970	-4,524	81	9,527	14,485	-4,524	81	10,042	515	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 or mental health issue. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.	507
Learn Dis - Direct Payments	5,906	-572	23	5,357	5,824	-572	23	5,276	-81		-11
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	11,515	-2,295	84	9,303	12,323	-2,295	84	10,112	808	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 or mental health issue. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.	781
Learn Dis - Adult Respite Care	1,159	-812	119	467	1,258	-812	119	565	98		64
Learn Dis - Home Care Service	365	-161	4	208	365	-161	4	208	0		0
Learn Dis - Day Services	2,924	-479	401	2,847	2,557	-201	401	2,757	-90		-100
Learn Dis - Private Day Services	981	-84	11	909	895	-84	11	823	-86		-152
Learn Dis - Transition Service	570	0	97	667	556	0	97	653	-14		-18
Learn Dis - Community Support	3,568	-162	24	3,429	3,466	-162	24	3,327	-102		-71
Learn Dis - Grants	540	-162	5	384	540	-162	5	384	-0		0
Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	3,095	-2,104	84	1,075	2,838	-1,917	84	1,006	-69		-7
Learn Dis/M Health - Ssmss	566	-158	38	447	680	-147	38	571	124		74
Learn Dis - Independent Living Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Learning Disabilities Total	48,410	-11,960	1,475	37,925	48,535	-11,275	1,475	38,735	811		848

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M Health - Commissioning	1,518	-155	83	1,445	1,352	-119	83	1,317	-129	Staff vacancies	-140
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M Health - Private/Vol Homes (Substance Misuse)	158	-34	0	124	158	-34	0	124	0		0
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M Health - Direct Payments	287	-45	1	242	276	-45	1	231	-11		-4
M Health - Community Support	792	-78	13	727	708	-78	13	643	-84		-87
M Health - Day Services	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0		0
M Health - Private Day Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	381	-173	88	296	-32		-48
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Performance, Analysis & Systems	698	-162	44	580	706	-162	44	588	7		0
VAWDASV	980	-980	8	8	980	-980	8	8	-0		0
Adult Safeguarding & Commissioning Team	2,100	-219	100	1,981	2,185	-215	100	2,070	89		35
Regional Collaborative	1,515	-1,362	148	302	1,515	-1,362	148	302	0		0
Holding Acc-Transport	1,629	-1,886	98	-159	1,473	-1,730	98	-159	-0		-0
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Respite Settings	1,094	0	117	1,211	1,113	0	117	1,230	19		19
Supporting Childcare	1,760	-1,140	342	962	1,767	-1,150	342	959	-3		0
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	657	0	16	672	1,991	-105	16	1,902	1,229	Increased demand for Direct Payments with further pressures linked to post covid & lack of commissioned services available £491k. Also increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £738k	982
Children's/Family Centres and Playgroups	399	-86	124	437	449	-130	124	443	5		3
CCG - Children & Communities Grant	6,463	-6,455	14	21	6,463	-6,455	14	21	-0		0
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