

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

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Oct 2023 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Aug 2023 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
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Adult Services										
Older People	76,961	-26,538	3,701	54,125	78,272	-26,235	3,701	55,738	1,614	675
Physical Disabilities	9,123	-1,910	276	7,489	9,282	-2,381	276	7,176	-313	-370
Learning Disabilities	48,410	-11,960	1,475	37,925	49,171	-11,782	1,475	38,864	939	811
Mental Health	12,043	-4,443	234	7,834	12,806	-4,371	234	8,669	835	665
Support	11,260	-7,631	1,114	4,743	11,130	-7,466	1,114	4,778	35	246
Children's Services										
Children's Services	29,052	-9,054	2,630	22,628	39,451	-12,823	2,630	29,258	6,630	5,874
GRAND TOTAL	186,848	-61,535	9,430	134,743	200,111	-65,058	9,430	144,483	9,740	7,902

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Budget Monitoring as at 31st October 2023 - Main Variances

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Adult Services							
Older People							
Older People - Residential Care Homes (Local Authority Provision)	10,354	-4,554	11,140	-4,389	951	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.	472
Older People - Residential Care Homes	31,792	-14,062	32,061	-14,062	269	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.	249
Older People - Direct Payments	1,349	-313	1,508	-313	159	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	204
Older People - Private Home Care	10,038	-2,638	10,868	-2,638	829	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 - Reablement	2,225	-527	1,974	-600	-324	Staffing vacancies	-386
Older People - Private Day Services	247	0	145	0	-103	Provision of day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-103
Older People - Other variances					-167		-743
Physical Disabilities							
Phys Dis - Residential Care Homes	1,652	-314	1,367	-314	-285	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at October 2023	-261
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,520	-174	1,252	-174	-268	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at October 2023	-320
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,164	-603	3,531	-603	367	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	212
Phys Dis - Other variances					-127		-0
Learning Disabilities							
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	2,195	-410	1,691	-209	-303	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-283
Learn Dis - Residential Care Homes	13,970	-4,524	14,358	-4,524	388	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.	515
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	11,515	-2,295	12,829	-2,295	1,314	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.	808

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Learn Dis - Community Support	3,568	-162	3,229	-162	-338	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at October 2023	-102
Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	3,095	-2,104	3,136	-2,341	-195	Provision of respite care is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels and part-year vacant posts	-69
Learn Dis - Other variances					72		-59
Mental Health							
M Health - Residential Care Homes	6,986	-3,394	7,468	-3,394	482	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.	390
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,707	-446	2,249	-446	541	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.	531
M Health - Other variances					-188		-256
Support							
Support - Other					35		246
Children's Services							
Commissioning and Social Work	8,019	-115	9,554	-530	1,119	Increased agency staff costs forecast £962k re additional demand & difficulty recruiting permanent staff - forecast has increased due to extending of agency staff to March 2024 and also 2 additional agency Social Workers. Increased demand for assistance to clients and their families £346k, which again is a further increase compared to August. This is partly offset by additional grant income.	536
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,035	-91	948	-91	-87	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-77
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	4,843	0	6,120	-139	1,138	Increased costs associated with providing specialist support and fostering placements for young people / children looked after, some with highly complex needs £453k, Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) £62k, Fostering £762k. This is partly offset by additional WG grant £139k	892
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children (UASC)	0	0	1,603	-1,346	257	Increase in number of Unaccompanied Children resulting in more expensive placement costs in excess of the fixed income received. Additional grant income identified since August return	322
Commissioned Residential Placements (CS)	469	0	3,369	-12	2,889	Several ongoing highly complex placements in 2023/24	2,770

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Residential Settings	1,421	-361	2,728	-1,444	225	£225k Garreglwyd - agency staff costs forecast due to difficulty recruiting & sickness cover. £514k forecast overspend for new setting Ty Magu / Ross Avenue, which is being offset by £514k WG grant	191
Respite Settings	1,094	0	1,178	0	84	Increased staffing costs £54k re meeting service demand, vacancy / absence cover and impact of increased pay award in excess of budget, increased vehicle costs in relation to additional vehicles needed £20k and also additional premises maintenance costs forecast £10k in relation to essential works needed following outcome of recent playground inspection at Llys Caradog	19
Adoption Services	591	0	1,136	-409	136	Overspend in relation to increased staffing costs, including agency staff and travelling costs re ongoing service demands £73k. Also, additional costs in relation to Inter Agency Adoption fees, Adoption Allowances and Therapy / Counselling costs, again in line with service demands £63k	151
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	657	0	1,880	-184	1,040	Increased demand for Direct Payments with further pressures linked to post covid & lack of commissioned services available £376k. Also increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £664k	1,229
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	1,023	-643	1,021	-687	-46	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-53
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,366	-164	1,287	-208	-123	Part year vacant posts recently recruited to	-107
Other Variances					-1		2
Grand Total					9,740		7,902

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Adult Services											
Older People											
Older People - Care Management	4,412	-642	675	4,445	4,396	-607	675	4,464	19		91
Older People - Residential Care Homes (Local Authority Provision)	10,354	-4,554	1,319	7,120	11,140	-4,389	1,319	8,070	951	Staff agency costs remain high due to a mixture of general higher dependency of residents, vacancies and sickness. In the coming months we will 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. We will continue to monitor sickness closely and consistently as well as being more efficient in the way we recruit.	472
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	32,061	-14,062	328	18,327	269	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.	249
Older People - Private Day Care	35	0	0	35	57	0	0	57	22		17
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	8,313	-0	750	9,063	-74		-727
Older People - MOW's	6	-6	0	-0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Older People - Direct Payments	1,349	-313	6	1,043	1,508	-313	6	1,201	159	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	204
Older People - Grants	2,554	-2,324	16	246	2,561	-2,325	16	252	6		13
Older People - Private Home Care	10,038	-2,638	116	7,516	10,868	-2,638	116	8,345	829	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 - Management and Support	1,704	-303	182	1,584	1,550	-195	182	1,538	-46		-36
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	1,974	-600	174	1,548	-324	Staffing vacancies	-386
Older People - Day Services	852	-92	122	882	696	-31	122	786	-95		-101
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.	-103
Total Older People	76,961	-26,538	3,701	54,125	78,272	-26,235	3,701	55,738	1,614		675
Physical Disabilities											
Phys Dis - OT Services	883	-301	42	623	759	-149	42	653	29		11
Phys Dis - Residential Care Homes	1,652	-314	13	1,352	1,367	-314	13	1,066	-285	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at October 2023	-261
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,520	-174	12	1,357	1,252	-174	12	1,089	-268	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at October 2023	-320
Phys Dis - Community Support	196	0	1	197	127	0	1	128	-69		-29
Phys Dis - Private Home Care	357	-92	3	268	357	-92	3	268	0		0
Phys Dis - Aids & Equipment	1,129	-424	190	894	1,732	-1,048	190	873	-21		28
Phys Dis - Grants	163	0	0	163	152	0	0	152	-11		-9
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,164	-603	14	2,575	3,531	-603	14	2,942	367	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	212
Phys Dis - Manual Handling	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	0		0
Phys Dis - Independent Living Fund	55	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	-55		0
Total Physical Disabilities	9,123	-1,910	276	7,489	9,282	-2,381	276	7,176	-313		-370

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Learning Disabilities											
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	2,195	-410	359	2,144	1,691	-209	359	1,841	-303	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-283
Learn Dis - Care Management	1,057	-37	144	1,163	1,105	-60	144	1,189	27		-11
Learn Dis - Residential Care Homes	13,970	-4,524	81	9,527	14,358	-4,524	81	9,915	388	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.	515
Learn Dis - Direct Payments	5,906	-572	23	5,357	5,947	-572	23	5,398	41		-81
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	11,515	-2,295	84	9,303	12,829	-2,295	84	10,618	1,314	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.	808
Learn Dis - Adult Respite Care	1,159	-812	119	467	1,240	-812	119	547	80		98
Learn Dis - Home Care Service	365	-161	4	208	365	-161	4	208	0		0
Learn Dis - Day Services (Local Authority Provision)	2,924	-479	401	2,847	2,661	-254	401	2,808	-39		-90
Learn Dis - Private Day Services	981	-84	11	909	889	-84	11	817	-92		-86
Learn Dis - 0 to 25 Service	570	0	97	667	542	0	97	640	-27		-14
Learn Dis - Community Support	3,568	-162	24	3,429	3,229	-162	24	3,091	-338	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at October 2023	-102
Learn Dis - Grants	540	-162	5	384	554	-162	5	398	14		-0
Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	3,095	-2,104	84	1,075	3,136	-2,341	84	880	-195	Provision of respite care is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels and part-year vacant posts	-69
Learn Dis/M Health - Management and Support	566	-158	38	447	624	-147	38	515	68		124
Learning Disabilities Total	48,410	-11,960	1,475	37,925	49,171	-11,782	1,475	38,864	939		811
Mental Health											
M Health - Care Management	1,518	-155	83	1,445	1,426	-129	83	1,381	-65		-129
M Health - Residential Care Homes	6,986	-3,394	41	3,632	7,468	-3,394	41	4,114	482	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.	390
M Health - Residential Care 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	283	-45	1	238	-4		-11
M Health - Community Support	792	-78	13	727	715	-78	13	651	-77		-84
M Health - Private 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	413	-215	88	286	-42		-32
Total Mental Health	12,043	-4,443	234	7,834	12,806	-4,371	234	8,669	835		665
Support											
Departmental Support	4,337	-3,022	799	2,114	4,318	-3,023	799	2,095	-19		150
Performance, Analysis & Systems	698	-162	44	580	689	-162	44	571	-10		7
VAWDASV	980	-980	8	8	980	-980	8	8	-0		-0
Adult Safeguarding & Commissioning Team	2,100	-219	100	1,981	2,155	-215	100	2,040	59		89
Regional Collaborative	1,515	-1,362	65	218	1,512	-1,362	65	215	-3		0
Holding Acc-Transport	1,629	-1,886	98	-159	1,476	-1,724	98	-150	9		-0
Total Support	11,260	-7,631	1,114	4,743	11,130	-7,466	1,114	4,778	35		246
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Adoption Services	591	0	37	628	1,136	-409	37	764	136	Overspend in relation to increased staffing costs, including agency staff and travelling costs re ongoing service demands £73k. Also, additional costs in relation to Inter Agency Adoption fees, Adoption Allowances and Therapy / Counselling costs, again in line with service demands £63k	151
Supporting Childcare	1,674	-1,140	342	876	1,676	-1,150	342	868	-8		-3
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	657	0	16	672	1,880	-184	16	1,712	1,040	Increased demand for Direct Payments with further pressures linked to post covid & lack of commissioned services available £376k. Also increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £664k	1,229
Children's/Family Centres and Playgroups	399	-86	124	437	487	-167	124	444	7		5
CCG - Children & Communities Grant	6,463	-6,455	14	21	6,463	-6,455	14	21	0		-0
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	1,023	-643	24	404	1,021	-687	24	358	-46	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-53
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Children's Services Total	29,052	-9,054	2,630	22,628	39,451	-12,823	2,630	29,258	6,630		5,874
TOTAL FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES	186,848	-61,535	9,430	134,743	200,111	-65,058	9,430	144,483	9,740		7,902