

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

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Adult Services										
Older People	76,961	-26,538	3,701	54,125	78,445	-26,157	3,701	55,989	1,865	1,614
Physical Disabilities	9,123	-1,910	276	7,489	9,685	-2,525	276	7,435	-54	-313
Learning Disabilities	48,410	-11,960	1,475	37,925	49,067	-12,000	1,475	38,542	617	939
Mental Health	12,043	-4,443	234	7,834	12,682	-4,399	234	8,517	683	835
Support	11,260	-7,631	1,114	4,743	11,240	-7,503	1,114	4,851	108	35
Children's Services										
Children's Services	29,688	-9,690	2,630	22,628	40,671	-13,700	2,630	29,601	6,973	6,630
GRAND TOTAL	187,484	-62,171	9,430	134,743	201,790	-66,285	9,430	144,935	10,192	9,740

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Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,035	-91	1,103	-252	-93	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-87
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	4,843	0	6,270	-124	1,303	Increased costs associated with providing specialist support and fostering placements for young people / children looked after, some with highly complex needs £623k, Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) £58k, Fostering £746k. This is partly offset by additional WG grant £124k	1,138
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children (UASC)	0	0	1,683	-1,390	293	Increase in number of Unaccompanied Children resulting in more expensive placement costs in excess of the fixed income received.	257
Commissioned Residential Placements (CS)	469	0	3,597	-12	3,117	Several ongoing highly complex placements in 2023/24	2,889
Residential Settings	1,421	-361	2,865	-1,552	254	£254k Garreglwyd - agency staff costs forecast due to difficulty recruiting & sickness cover. £529k forecast overspend for new setting Ty Magu / Ross Avenue, which is being offset by £529k WG grant	225
Respite Settings	1,094	0	1,182	0	88	Increased staffing costs £55k 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 £16k and also additional premises maintenance costs forecast £17k in relation to essential works needed following outcome of recent playground inspection at Llys Caradog	84
Adoption Services	591	0	1,103	-412	101	Overspend in relation to increased staffing costs, including agency staff and travelling costs re ongoing service demands £65k. Also, additional costs in relation to Inter Agency Adoption fees, Adoption Allowances and Therapy / Counselling costs, again in line with service demands £36k	136
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	657	0	1,747	-208	882	Increased demand for Direct Payments with further pressures linked to post covid & lack of commissioned services available £360k. Also increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £522k	1,040
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	1,023	-643	1,024	-619	25	Net overspend mainly in relation to cost of equipment needed for disabled children - grant funded in recent years, but reduced grant available in 2023/24	-46
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,366	-164	1,322	-205	-86	Part year vacant posts recently recruited to	-123
Other Variances					-11		-1
Grand Total					10,192		9,740

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Adult Services											
Older People											
Older People - Care Management	4,412	-642	675	4,445	4,389	-585	675	4,479	34		19
Older People - Residential Care Homes (Local Authority Provision)	10,354	-4,554	1,319	7,120	11,161	-4,401	1,319	8,080	960	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.	951
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	32,242	-14,062	328	18,508	450	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.	269
Older People - Private Day Care	35	0	0	35	61	0	0	61	27		22
Older People - Extra Care	677	0	10	687	711	0	10	721	34		0
Older People - LA Home Care	8,387	0	750	9,137	8,344	-0	750	9,094	-43		-74
Older People - MOW's	6	-6	0	-0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Older People - Direct Payments	1,349	-313	6	1,043	1,539	-313	6	1,232	190	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	159
Older People - Grants	2,554	-2,324	16	246	2,558	-2,324	16	250	4		6
Older People - Private Home Care	10,038	-2,638	116	7,516	10,783	-2,638	116	8,261	745	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.	829
Older People - Management and Support	1,704	-303	182	1,584	1,526	-198	182	1,511	-73		-46
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	1,951	-527	174	1,598	-274	Staffing vacancies	-324
Older People - Day Services	852	-92	122	882	706	-33	122	795	-86		-95
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	78,445	-26,157	3,701	55,989	1,865		1,614

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Physical Disabilities											
Phys Dis - OT Services	883	-301	42	623	761	-149	42	654	31		29
Phys Dis - Residential Care Homes	1,652	-314	13	1,352	1,443	-314	13	1,142	-210	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at December 2023	-285
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,520	-174	12	1,357	1,448	-141	12	1,319	-39		-268
Phys Dis - Community Support	196	0	1	197	130	0	1	132	-66		-69
Phys Dis - Private Home Care	357	-92	3	268	357	-92	3	268	0		0
Phys Dis - Aids & Equipment	1,129	-424	190	894	1,918	-1,225	190	883	-11		-21
Phys Dis - Grants	163	0	0	163	153	0	0	153	-11		-11
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,164	-603	14	2,575	3,475	-603	14	2,886	311	Financial pressures from previous years remain.	367
Phys Dis - Manual Handling	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	-4		0
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	9,685	-2,525	276	7,435	-54		-313
Learning Disabilities											
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	2,195	-410	359	2,144	1,656	-215	359	1,800	-344	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-303
Learn Dis - Care Management	1,057	-37	144	1,163	1,108	-60	144	1,191	29		27
Learn Dis - Residential Care Homes	13,970	-4,524	81	9,527	14,377	-4,524	81	9,934	407	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.	388
Learn Dis - Direct Payments	5,906	-572	23	5,357	5,923	-572	23	5,375	18		41
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	11,515	-2,295	84	9,303	12,742	-2,295	84	10,530	1,227	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.	1,314
Learn Dis - Adult Respite Care	1,159	-812	119	467	1,226	-812	119	533	66		80
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	2,686	-281	401	2,806	-40		-39
Learn Dis - Private Day Services	981	-84	11	909	906	-84	11	834	-75		-92
Learn Dis - 0 to 25 Service	570	0	97	667	560	0	97	658	-9		-27
Learn Dis - Community Support	3,568	-162	24	3,429	3,127	-162	24	2,989	-440	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at December 2023	-338
Learn Dis - Grants	540	-162	5	384	503	-162	5	346	-37		14

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Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	3,095	-2,104	84	1,075	3,239	-2,526	84	798	-277	Provision of respite care is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels and part-year vacant posts	-195
Learn Dis/M Health - Management and Support	566	-158	38	447	648	-146	38	540	93		68
Learning Disabilities Total	48,410	-11,960	1,475	37,925	49,067	-12,000	1,475	38,542	617		939
Mental Health											
M Health - Care Management	1,518	-155	83	1,445	1,413	-129	83	1,368	-78	Staffing vacancies	-65
M Health - Residential Care Homes	6,986	-3,394	41	3,632	7,495	-3,394	41	4,142	510	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.	482
M Health - Residential Care Homes (Substance Misuse)	158	-34	0	124	158	-34	0	124	0		0
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,707	-446	7	1,268	2,131	-446	7	1,692	423	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.	541
M Health - Direct Payments	287	-45	1	242	274	-45	1	230	-13		-4
M Health - Community Support	792	-78	13	727	700	-78	13	635	-92	Underspend relating to reduced demand for Community Support care packages.	-77
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	416	-244	88	260	-68	Staffing vacancies	-42
Total Mental Health	12,043	-4,443	234	7,834	12,682	-4,399	234	8,517	683		835
Support											
Departmental Support	4,337	-3,022	799	2,114	4,466	-3,073	799	2,192	78	This relates to the implementation of 2024/25 efficiencies, which are in progress but not expected to be realised this financial year	-19
Performance, Analysis & Systems	698	-162	44	580	694	-162	44	576	-4		-10
VAWDASV	980	-980	8	8	980	-980	8	8	-0		0
Adult Safeguarding & Commissioning Team	2,100	-219	100	1,981	2,124	-201	100	2,023	42		59
Regional Collaborative	1,515	-1,362	65	218	1,515	-1,362	65	218	-0		-3
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Children's/Family Centres and Playgroups	994	-681	124	437	1,006	-688	124	441	4		7
CCG - Children & Communities Grant	6,502	-6,494	14	21	6,557	-6,549	14	21	0		0

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