

Health & Social Services Scrutiny Report

Budget Monitoring as at 30th June 2024 - Summary

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Jun 2024 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	
Adult Services Older People	81,560	-27,392	4,500	58,668	82,554	-27,038	4,500	60,017	1,349
Physical Disabilities	10,724	-1,975	347	9,095	11,547	-2,638	347	9,256	161
Learning Disabilities	49,042	-12,215	1,390	38,216	49,137	-11,889	1,390	38,638	422
Mental Health	13,566	-4,570	326	9,322	13,951	-4,552	326	9,725	403
Support	11,987	-7,627	1,258	5,618	11,727	-7,401	1,258	5,584	-34
Children's Services Children & Families	37,541	-8,972	2,695	31,264	44,276	-12,341	2,695	34,631	3,367
GRAND TOTAL	204,419	-62,752	10,516	152,183	213,192	-65,858	10,516	157,850	5,667

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Budget Monitoring as at 30th June 2024 - Main Variances

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Adult Services Older People						
Older People - Residential Care Homes (Local Authority Provision)	10,854	-4,739	10,920	-4,452	353	Projected overspend is the result of increased overtime/casual and agency costs to ensure appropriate cover/capacity as a result of higher dependency of residents. Some of the overspend has been mitigated by increased income through higher occupancy rates and lower than anticipated premises costs. The in-house agency pilot (Llanelli area) that commenced in May 2024 is also starting to reduce on-going agency and overtime costs and it is anticipated that this approach will expand out to the rest of the County in the coming months. This forecast anticipates further savings as the in-house agency progresses. Parallel to this approach will be an in-depth assessment of base staffing levels that are required across all in-house care homes as well as closely monitoring and improving sickness absence.
Older People - Residential Care Homes	34,437	-14,625	34,807	-14,625	370	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.
Older People - Direct Payments	1,403	-325	1,588	-325	185	Increased demand in Direct Payments
Older People - Private Home Care	9,651	-2,743	10,399	-2,743	748	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.
Older People - Other variances					-307	Underspend relates primarily to a reduced provision of day services when compared to pre-pandemic levels.
Physical Disabilities						
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,571	-628	3,807	-628	236	Financial pressures from previous years remain.
Phys Dis - Other variances					-75	
Learning Disabilities						
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	2,146	-331	1,753	-197	-259	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.
Learn Dis - Residential Care Homes	13,399	-4,705	13,590	-4,705	191	Progress is being made in the right sizing of individual packages, but developing alternative more cost-effective accommodation solutions is taking longer than anticipated. Progress is also impacted by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability, and children transitioning through from Children's Services, although the forecast assumes that these figures will reduce from the current level. In the meantime, it is necessary to continue to commission high-cost independent provision and the current budget allocation does not reflect this trajectory.

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Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	12,598	-2,364	13,177	-2,364	579	Progress is being made in the right sizing of individual packages, but developing alternative more cost-effective accommodation solutions is taking longer than anticipated. Progress is also impacted by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability, and children transitioning through from Children's Services. In the meantime, it is necessary to continue to commission high-cost independent provision and the current budget allocation does not reflect this trajectory.
Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	3,222	-2,163	2,971	-2,098	-186	Increased number of clients has led to an increase in fees received and provision of respite is forecasted to remain low. Additional saving due to part year vacant posts
Learn Dis - Other variances					96	Increased demand in Direct Payments £92k
Mental Health						
M Health - Residential Care Homes	7,491	-3,530	7,772	-3,530	282	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, although the forecast assumes that these figures will reduce from the current level. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	2,367	-425	2,534	-425	168	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.
M Health - Other variances					-46	Staff vacancies in the Care Management Teams £44k
Support						
Support - Other					-34	

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Children & Families						
Commissioning and Social Work	7,293	-123	8,421	-548	702	Increased agency staff costs forecast £837k re additional demand & difficulty recruiting permanent staff, legal costs £291k with additional external provision due to increased complexity of cases and increased demand for assistance to clients and their families £300k. This is partly offset by additional grant income & part year staff vacancies.
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,086	-65	952	-65	-134	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	6,486	0	6,914	-45	383	Increased costs associated with Fostering - more immediate carers & increased costs linked to complex placements. This is partly offset by additional WG grant and part year staff vacancies.
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children (UASC)	292	0	2,352	-1,549	512	Ongoing high numbers of Unaccompanied Children & more expensive placement costs in excess of the fixed income received.
Commissioned Placements (CS)	2,487	0	5,487	-26	2,974	Several ongoing highly complex placements .
Respite Settings	1,157	0	1,463	0	306	Overspend mainly as a result of temporarily utilising Llys Caradog for some emergency residential placements due to no capacity in Garreglwyd, requiring the use of additional agency staff.
Adoption Services	617	0	887	-30	240	Overspend in relation to increased staffing costs, including travelling costs re ongoing service demands £52k. Additional costs for Inter Agency Adoption fees, Adoption Allowances and Therapy / Counselling costs, again in line with service demands £188k
Supporting Childcare	1,651	-980	1,675	-1,044	-40	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.
Other Family Services incl Young Care	3,058	-687	2,716	-742	-397	Part year staff vacancies being recruited to and maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc allocated)	1,475	-164	1,471	-185	-25	Part year staff vacancies being recruited to.
2024/25 Growth Budget to be allocated	1,174	0	0	0	-1,174	2024/25 Growth Budget still to be allocated to specific service areas within the division once changes are implemented & commitments reflected within service areas
Other Variances					20	
Grand Total					5,667	

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Adult Services										
Older People										
Older People - Care Management	5,064	-568	908	5,404	4,974	-528	908	5,353	-51	
Older People - Residential Care Homes (Local Authority Provision)	10,854	-4,739	1,821	7,936	10,920	-4,452	1,821	8,289	353	Projected overspend is the result of increased overtime/casual and agency costs to ensure appropriate cover/capacity as a result of higher dependency of residents. Some of the overspend has been mitigated by increased income through higher occupancy rates and lower than anticipated premises costs. The in-house agency pilot (Llanelli area) that commenced in May 2024 is also starting to reduce on-going agency and overtime costs and it is anticipated that this approach will expand out to the rest of the County in the coming months. This forecast anticipates further savings as the in-house agency progresses. Parallel to this approach will be an in-depth assessment of base staffing levels that are required across all in-house care homes as well as closely monitoring and improving sickness absence.
Older People - Supported Living	113	0	1	114	113	0	1	114	-0	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.
Older People - Residential Care Homes	34,437	-14,625	302	20,114	34,807	-14,625	302	20,484	370	
Older People - Private Day Care	36	0	1	37	-16	0	1	-16	-52	
Older People - Extra Care	567	0	9	576	605	0	9	614	38	
Older People - LA Home Care	9,103	0	641	9,744	9,057	0	641	9,698	-46	
Older People - MOW's	6	-7	0	-0	6	-7	0	-0	0	
Older People - Direct Payments	1,403	-325	7	1,085	1,588	-325	7	1,270	185	Increased demand in Direct Payments
Older People - Grants	2,605	-2,360	56	301	2,684	-2,360	56	380	79	
Older People - Private Home Care	9,651	-2,743	110	7,018	10,399	-2,743	110	7,766	748	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.
Older People - Management and Support	1,662	-365	207	1,504	1,457	-216	207	1,447	-57	
Older People - Careline	2,658	-1,120	170	1,708	2,658	-1,120	170	1,708	-0	
Older People - Enablement	2,272	-444	161	1,990	2,371	-624	161	1,909	-81	
Older People - Day Services	872	-96	104	880	763	-37	104	830	-50	
Older People - Private Day Services	257	0	1	259	170	0	1	171	-88	
Total Older People	81,560	-27,392	4,500	58,668	82,554	-27,038	4,500	60,017	1,349	

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Physical Disabilities										
Phys Dis - OT Services	927	-303	66	690	733	-116	66	683	-7	
Phys Dis - Residential Care Homes	1,758	-327	14	1,445	1,736	-327	14	1,423	-22	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at June 2024
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	2,203	-181	30	2,051	2,187	-181	30	2,036	-15	
Phys Dis - Community Support	204	0	2	205	149	0	2	151	-54	
Phys Dis - Private Home Care	372	-96	4	280	372	-96	4	280	-0	
Phys Dis - Aids & Equipment	1,217	-441	201	977	2,066	-1,290	201	977	0	
Phys Dis - Grants	411	0	14	426	435	0	14	449	23	
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,571	-628	16	2,959	3,807	-628	16	3,195	236	Financial pressures from previous years remain.
Phys Dis - Manual Handling	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	0	
Phys Dis - Independent Living Fund	58	0	0	58	58	0	0	58	0	
Total Physical Disabilities	10,724	-1,975	347	9,095	11,547	-2,638	347	9,256	161	
Learning Disabilities										
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	2,146	-331	265	2,079	1,753	-197	265	1,821	-259	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.
Learn Dis - Care Management	1,108	-40	139	1,207	1,167	-40	139	1,266	59	
Learn Dis - Residential Care Homes	13,399	-4,705	108	8,802	13,590	-4,705	108	8,993	191	Progress is being made in the right sizing of individual packages, but developing alternative more cost-effective accommodation solutions is taking longer than anticipated. Progress is also impacted by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability, and children transitioning through from Children's Services, although the forecast assumes that these figures will reduce from the current level. In the meantime, it is necessary to continue to commission high-cost independent provision and the current budget allocation does not reflect this trajectory.
Learn Dis - Direct Payments	5,297	-595	30	4,732	5,389	-595	30	4,824	92	
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	12,598	-2,364	113	10,347	13,177	-2,364	113	10,926	579	Progress is being made in the right sizing of individual packages, but developing alternative more cost-effective accommodation solutions is taking longer than anticipated. Progress is also impacted by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability, and children transitioning through from Children's Services. In the meantime, it is necessary to continue to commission high-cost independent provision and the current budget allocation does not reflect this trajectory.
Learn Dis - Adult Respite Care	1,208	-812	131	527	1,208	-812	131	527	-0	
Learn Dis - Home Care Service	379	-167	4	216	379	-167	4	216	-0	
Learn Dis - Day Services (Local Authority Provision)	3,011	-473	438	2,975	2,848	-345	438	2,941	-34	
Learn Dis - Private Day Services	726	-87	8	647	667	-87	8	587	-59	
Learn Dis - 0 to 25 Service	597	0	43	639	597	0	43	640	0	
Learn Dis - Community Support	4,223	-166	27	4,085	4,261	-166	27	4,122	38	
Learn Dis - Grants	555	-155	7	407	555	-155	7	407	1	

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Learn Dis/M Health - Management and Support	574	-157	15	432	574	-157	15	432	-0	
Total Learning Disabilities	49,042	-12,215	1,390	38,216	49,137	-11,889	1,390	38,638	422	
Mental Health										
M Health - Care Management	1,677	-160	114	1,631	1,618	-146	114	1,586	-44	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, although the forecast assumes that these figures will reduce from the current level. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.
M Health - Residential Care Homes	7,491	-3,530	44	4,005	7,772	-3,530	44	4,287	282	
M Health - Residential Care Homes (Substance Misuse)	164	-36	0	129	164	-36	0	129	0	
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	2,367	-425	25	1,967	2,534	-425	25	2,135	168	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.
M Health - Direct Payments	344	-47	1	299	371	-47	1	325	27	
M Health - Community Support	899	-81	19	837	846	-84	19	781	-56	
M Health - Day Services	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	
M Health - Private Day Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
M Health - Private Home Care	96	-30	2	68	96	-30	2	68	0	
M Health - Substance Misuse Team	527	-261	120	385	547	-255	120	412	26	
Total Mental Health	13,566	-4,570	326	9,322	13,951	-4,552	326	9,725	403	
Support										
Departmental Support	4,931	-3,052	887	2,767	4,898	-3,052	887	2,733	-34	
Performance, Analysis & Systems	656	-119	49	586	581	-44	49	586	0	
VAWDASV	980	-980	18	18	986	-986	18	18	0	
Adult Safeguarding & Commissioning Team	2,204	-218	157	2,144	2,204	-218	157	2,143	-0	
Regional Collaborative	1,515	-1,363	56	208	1,515	-1,363	56	208	0	
Holding Acc-Transport	1,700	-1,895	91	-104	1,543	-1,738	91	-104	-0	
Total Support	11,987	-7,627	1,258	5,618	11,727	-7,401	1,258	5,584	-34	

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Commissioned Placements (CS)	2,487	0	0	2,487	5,487	-26	0	5,461	2,974	Several ongoing highly complex placements.
Residential Settings	2,254	-211	120	2,162	3,156	-1,109	120	2,167	4	
Respite Settings	1,157	0	85	1,242	1,463	0	85	1,548	306	Overspend mainly as a result of temporarily utilising Liys Caradog for some emergency residential placements due to no capacity in Garreglywd, requiring the use of additional agency staff.
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Supporting Childcare	1,651	-980	418	1,089	1,675	-1,044	418	1,050	-40	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	1,193	0	19	1,212	1,390	-179	19	1,230	18	
Children's/Family Centres and Playgroups	657	0	130	787	718	-65	130	784	-3	
CCG - Children & Communities Grant	6,661	-6,742	15	-66	6,674	-6,754	15	-65	1	Part year staff vacancies being recruited to and maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	3,058	-687	35	2,406	2,716	-742	35	2,008	-397	Part year staff vacancies being recruited to.
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,475	-164	73	1,385	1,471	-185	73	1,359	-25	
2024/25 Growth Budget to be allocated	1,174	0	0	1,174	0	0	0	0	-1,174	2024/25 Growth Budget still to be allocated to specific service areas within the division once changes are implemented & commitments reflected within service areas
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