

POSITION STATEMENT – BUDGET 2017/18

Report of the Head of Adult Commissioning and Health

1. Introduction and Background

1.1. Adult Care and Health services is forecast to underspend by £4.170 millions as at month 6, which is the half way point of the financial year, covering data up until 30th September.

Adults Month 6 Position Statement			
	Budget	Projected	Over /
	£000	Outturn	Under
	£000	£000	£000
Older People	91,057	89,963	(1,094)
Physical Disability	19,840	19,541	(299)
Learning Disability (incl Autistic Spectrum Conditions)	66,986	68,321	1,335
Central & Other Budgets	3,566	566	(3,000)
In House (Older People & Learning Disability)	8,385	7,946	(439)
Total For Adult Care Operations and Health	189,834	186,337	(3,497)
Adult Commissioning & Health (incl. Mental Health)	24,708	24,035	(673)
	214,542	210,372	(4,170)

1.2. The Adult Care Operations underspend totals £3.497 millions. The principal reasons for this variation are listed below:

- 1.2.1. The majority of the underspend (£3 millions) relates to better contract negotiation and demand management with both commissioning and operational staff working hard to deliver efficiencies and implement the Promoting Independence policy.
- 1.2.2. Other areas of underspend include Older People and Physical Disability £1.393 millions which relates to lower than anticipated care packages (368) and;
- 1.2.3. Savings within in-house operated services which is forecasting an underspend of £439,000 due to lower running costs and staffing vacancies.
- 1.2.4. The Learning Disability service (including Autistic Spectrum Conditions) continues to be an area of significant concern and is forecasting an overspend of £1.335 millions; this is due to an increase in the number of packages which are now 210 above budget.

1.3. Adult Commissioning and Health (which includes Adult Mental Health services budgets) is now showing an underspend of £673,000 due to temporary vacancy savings in the commissioning teams and one off savings on projects.

1.4. There are still a number of risks facing the service, the most significant being:

- a) pending HMRC action on National Living Wage compliance for sleep in night shifts,
- b) children transitioning to adult services,
- c) increased autism cost as a result of individuals being moved back into local communities and increasing incidence and diagnosis,
- d) the continuation of increased unit costs in residential / nursing care as a result of significant market premiums being paid
- e) Winter can also be a challenging and volatile time for the service as demand increases and hospital flow is challenged.

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