

Directorate Variances over £500,000 2017/18

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		Budget	Projection	Variance	
Directorate	Service	£000	£000	£000	Comment
CFC	CSC Assessment & Intervention	15,767	16,350	583	Greater costs have been incurred due to the number of agency staff needed to cover vacancies, sickness and maternity cover. Recruitment drives are underway and budget has been reprioritised to cover staffing/agency costs in 2018/19
CFC	CSC Placements and Provision	35,481	43,074	7,593	The £7.6m overspend relates to children and young people who are in the care system. This has been reported during the year, the latest variances reflects the ongoing increase.
DAS	Older People (OP) Recovery Services	1,736	2,521	785	The variance has arisen due to specific areas within the Better Care Fund (BCF) which relate to increasing numbers and length of stay for various year end placements. Joint actions were taken with the CCG's to reduce this budget deficit but the shift took slightly longer than originally
DAS	OP Care Act Eligible Services	45,701	49,794	4,093	The Older People financial pressures have been reported during the year, and discussed at budget setting for 2018/19. Home Care numbers and increased package costs were experienced during the last quarter. A number of mitigating actions are taking place but have taken longer than first forecast to yield savings. Planned draw down from IBCF has been used to mitigate some of the financial pressures.
DAS	Learning Disability (LD) Care Act Eligible Services	52,943	55,489	2,546	This is mainly due to additional packages previously Continuing Healthcare Packages (CHC) £0.5m and an increase in supported living packages £0.6m that potentially previously would have had small care packages whilst living with their family
DAS	Physical Disabilities (PD) Care Act Eligible Services	11,160	11,897	737	This is mainly due to the increased numbers of clients within Supported living in Physical Disabilities. Numbers at the start of the year were 18 but increased by 61% during the year to 29. This included one client who's cost was £250k.

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DAS	Strategic Services	1,508	2,344	836	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards pressure £0.9m which has been dealt with since 2016/17 by planned use of reserves. However an ongoing government funding solution looks unlikely for future years so options will need to be considered as how this can be funding longer term as part of budget planning
E and I	Highways Contracts and Programme	8,004	9,061	1,057	Additional Winter Maintenance costs due to the above seasonal adverse weather conditions experienced in the last 5 months of 2017/18. Also maintenance work was required at Highway depots
E and I	Scientific Services	0	556	556	Shortfall in Income in respect of asbestos work and costs related to the transformation of the service. The business has been redesigned to move forwards into the new financial year.
COaCH	Technology Operations	436	1,138	702	A significant reduction kit has taken longer than anticipated. The budgets for 2018-19 have been realigned as part of the cash limits exercise.
Finance	Financing Transactions	14,659	10,960	-3,843	Greater achievement of income arising from deferring the need to take External Borrowing and investment of cash reserves
Finance	Council Tax Surplus	0	-1,500	-1,500	Review of capital financing by switching funding from Council Tax Surplus to borrowing - consistent with existing Medium Term Financial Plan approved by Council in February 2018