

Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

15 March 2022

Quarter 3

Forecast Outturn 2021/22

Q3 Financial Position – Adults

Adults Revenue Forecast	2021-22 Gross Budget Q3	2021-22 Net Budget Q3	2021-22 Forecast Outturn Q3	2021-22 Forecast Variance Q3	2021-22 Forecast Variance Q2	2021-22 Forecast Variance Q1
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Older People	102,333	66,207	66,038	-169	5	-1,266
Learning Disabilities	72,508	60,332	62,570	2,238	3,124	2,816
Physical Disability	19,586	15,430	14,702	-728	-787	-308
Mental Health	28,149	18,297	19,067	770	-178	-119
Adults Commissioning Unit	14,260	2,304	2,182	-122	-130	7
Central Services (incl iBCF and Social Care Grant)	1,682	-28,878	-30,904	-2,026	-2,044	-1,130
Provider Services	16,267	9,209	9,209	0	0	0
TOTAL ADULTS	254,785	142,901	142,864	-37	-10	0

Key Headlines – Adults

- Broadly a breakeven position is currently forecast across the service as a whole
- Additional activity and increased unit costs are causing pressures on placement budgets across Older People, Learning Disabilities and Mental Health
- Offset in year by underspends in budget allocated for Liberty Protection Safeguards, one-off income and vacant posts within a number of areas including Mental Health
- Funding continues to be claimed via the NHS Hospital Discharge Grant
- Ongoing implementation of transformational change via the People Services “Three Pillar” Strategy to support ongoing efficiencies and demand management

Key Forecast Variances – Adults

- Small underspend in Older People services as additional placement costs (particularly for nursing care) are being offset by Liberty Protection Safeguards growth not expected to be fully utilised in 2021/22 following national regulation changes
- Increased placement costs for Learning Disability clients and a forecasted reduction in budgeted income
- Underspend in Physical Disability services as a result of lower than budgeted cost of people receiving services and additional Continuing Health Care income
- Mental Health services demonstrating a forecasted overspend on placement costs partially offset by one off staffing savings
- Support services - the underspend showing in this area is due to additional one-off Direct Payment income recovery

Key Headlines – Working with Health Partners

- Overall budget being managed proactively with partners
- Updated Section 117 policy approved by February Cabinet
 - All clients in receipt of Section 117 Mental Health After Care support now joint funded with Health
 - Reviewed process to ensure all clients in Nursing Homes have Funded Nursing Care (FNC) assessments
- Updated partnership approach for ensuring clients are in receipt of Continuing Health Care (CHC) funding
 - Additional one-off and recurrent income for the Council
 - Potential reduction in fees for clients
- Joint funding for the cost of growth in clients discharged from hospital from the Better Care Fund (BCF)