

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel
2.	Date:	Thursday 8 July 2010
3.	Title:	Adult Services Revenue Outturn Report 2009/10 All Wards Affected
4.	Directorate:	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

5. Summary

To inform Members of the Revenue Outturn position for the Adult Social Services Department within the Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Directorate for the financial year 2009/10. The net Outturn for Adult Services shows an underspend of £84,747 against a net cash limited revenue budget of £72,692,857 (a variation of - 0.12%). This is after achievement of £1m of management actions identified to mitigate budget pressures earlier in the year.

6. Recommendations

That Members receive and note the unaudited 2009/10 Revenue Outturn Report for Adult Services.

7. Proposals and Details

The 2009/10 approved cash limited budget of £72,692,857, the net Outturn for the service for 2009/10 is £72,608,110. This results in an overall net underspend of £84,747 (-0.12%). This represents an increase in the underspend of £84,747 compared with the last budget monitoring report largely due to additional income from continuing health care and a further underspend on extra care housing.

The summary revenue outturn position for Adult Social Services is as follows:-

Service Area	Budget	Outturn	Surplus (-) Deficit (+)	% Variation to Budget
	£	£	£	%
Commissioning & Partnerships	5,096,168	5,192,253	96,085	+1.89
Assessment & Care Management				
- Older People (Independent)	24,203,451	23,817,105	-386,346	-1.60
- Physical & Sensory Disabilities	5,650,384	5,796,519	146,135	+2.60
- Safeguarding	462,150	526,226	64,076	+13.86
Independent Living	1,657,086	1,596,106	-60,980	-3.68
Health & Well Being				
- Older People (In-house)	15,674,059	16,327,094	653,035	+4.17
- Learning Disabilities	15,657,879	15,069,088	-588,791	-3.76
- Mental Health	4,291,680	4,283,719	-7,961	-0.19
Total Adult Services	72,692,857	72,608,110	-84,747	-0.12

The key variations within each service area can be summarised as follows:

Commissioning & Partnerships (+£96k)

There were a number of under and overspends within this service area, mainly around the income budget pressures in respect of performance and planning posts transferred from Neighbourhoods. These were reduced by a number of management actions including, non-recruitment to vacant posts, a general moratorium on non pay budgets and maximising grant funding.

Assessment & Care Management

Older People (Independent) (-£386k)

The overall underspend within this service area was in respect of a number of vacant social work posts, an overall underspend on the Intermediate Care pooled budget (-£61k) and an underspend on independent sector residential and nursing care due to additional income from health and increased income from property charges (-£648k). However, the underspend was reduced by an overspend on the independent sector Home Care budget (+£192k) due to increased demand together with an increase in demand for Direct Payments (+£195k).

Physical and Sensory Disabilities (+£146k)

The main pressures during the year were a continued increase in both number (+ 1110 hours) and cost of independent home care placements (+£312k) together with a further increase in demand for direct payments (+£170k). These overspends were reduced by management actions including the delayed implementation of new investments to establish residential and respite care services within the borough (-£314k).

Safeguarding (+£64k)

The overspend on this head of account was due to agency staff costs and a loss on income from NHSR.

Independent Living (-£61k)

The underspend within this head of account was a result of the reconfiguration of Rothercare Direct and a recurrent underspend on Extra Care Housing provision after a review of the service.

Health and Well Being

Older People (In-House) (+£653k)

The main overspend during the year was within In-House Home Care services (+£514k) due to the initial delays in the implementation of shifting provision to the independent sector including an overspend on employee costs due to contracted hours being greater than hours of service delivered. There were further overspends within in house residential care due to the additional costs incurred as part of the decommissioning of a number of former homes (+£280k) plus the final costs of closure of the laundry (+£166k) and meals on wheels services (+£305k) agreed as part of the 2009/10 budget setting process.

These overspends were reduced by underspends within Extra Care Housing (-£360k), Day care (-£118k) and Transport (-£158k) due to the general moratorium on vacant posts plus a reduction in vehicle running and leasing costs.

Learning Disabilities (-£589K)

The overall underspend within the service is mainly as a result of delays in start up of new supported living schemes (-£195k), increased income from Continuing Health Care funding (-£233k) and underspends within day care (-£138k) as a result of a review of the service.

Mental Health Services (-£8k)

The main pressures during the year were within residential care due to an increase number of placements during the first six months of the year plus a continued increase in demand for direct payments over and above budget.

These pressures have been offset by non recruitment to vacant posts and the achievement of a number of efficiency savings after reviewing a number of service level agreements with independent and voluntary sector providers.

Management Actions

A total of £1.1m of management actions were identified earlier in the year to mitigate the then reported budget pressures, 93% of which were achieved by the end of the year.

8. Finance

The attached appendices show a summary of the overall Outturn against the approved budget (sheet 1), a detailed variance analysis for all main budget headings together with a comparison against the latest budget monitoring report projections for gross expenditure, gross income and net expenditure (sheets 2) and a brief description of the main reasons for variation from the approved budget (sheets 3).

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The outturn figures included in this report are subject to quality assurance work on the Statement of Accounts, which will be undertaken during June 2010 and subsequently external audit verification during June/July.

There were a number of recurrent budget pressures, demographic pressures within residential and home care and direct payments. These have been discussed and addressed as part of the budget setting process for 2010/11. There were also a number of cross cutting savings targets allocated to all Directorates for 2010/11 as part of the agreed budget setting process in respect of agency costs, overtime, printing and car mileage which may be difficult to achieve. These will be closely monitored and actions to mitigate any potential shortfalls against these targets will be developed.

Additional funding has been allocated through the Medium Term Financial Strategy, which will reduce some pressures, however, potential budget pressures still remain and will be monitored closely during the year.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The approved cash limited budget for 2009/10 has allowed existing levels of service to be maintained to support the most vulnerable people and continues to contribute to meeting the Council's priorities, in particular Alive, Safe and Proud.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

This report has been discussed and agreed with both the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods and Adult Services and the Strategic Director of Finance.

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