

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
2	Date:	Monday, 10th September, 2012
3	Title:	Adult Services Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2012-13
4	Directorate :	Neighbourhoods and Adult Social Services

### 5 Summary

This Budget Monitoring Report provides a financial forecast for the Adult Services Department within the Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Directorate to the end of March 2013 based on actual income and expenditure for the period ending July 2012.

**The forecast for the financial year 2012/13 at this stage is a balanced budget, against an approved net revenue budget of £74.147m.**

### 6 Recommendations

**That the Cabinet Member receives and notes the latest financial projection against budget for 2012/13.**

## 7 Proposals and Details

### 7.1 The Current Position

The approved net revenue budget for Adult Services for 2012/13 is £74.147m. Included in the approved budget was additional funding for demographic and existing budget pressures (£2.294m) together with a number of savings (£6.258m) identified through the 2012/13 budget setting process.

7.1.1 The table below summarises the latest forecast outturn against approved budgets:-

Division of Service	Net Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variation	Variation
	£000	£000	£000	%
Adults General	4,065	4,061	-4	-0.10
Older People	33,023	32,826	-197	-0.60
Learning Disabilities	17,289	17,643	+354	+2.04
Mental Health	5,466	5,450	-16	-0.30
Physical & Sensory Disabilities	6,308	6,200	-108	-1.71
Adults Safeguarding	715	686	-29	-4.06
Supporting People	7,281	7,281	0	0
<b>Total Adult Services</b>	<b>74,147</b>	<b>74,147</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7.1.2 The latest year end forecast shows there are a number of underlying budget pressures which are being offset by a number of forecast underspends.

The main variations to budget can be summarised as follows:

#### **Adults General, Management & Training (-£4k)**

This includes the cross cutting budgets (Workforce planning and training, and corporate charges) are forecasting an overall underspend mainly due savings on charges for postages, telephones and printing.

#### **Older People (-£197k)**

- Overspend on In-House Residential Care due to recurrent budget pressure on Part III income (+£109k) plus additional staffing costs due to sickness cover at Davies Court (+£162k).
- Increase in Direct Payments over budget (+£1.324m), this includes 110 new clients since April, the majority of which are clients who were previously receiving independent sector domiciliary care from service providers who were unsuccessful in the recent tendering of the independent home care service.

- Overspend on In House Transport (+£25k) due to slippage on meeting approved budget savings from the review of Transport services, partially reduced by additional income.
- Forecast underspend on Enabling Care (-£644k) based on current budget and level of service which is under review. There is also an underspend on Independent sector home care (-£266k) after a reduction of £655k commissioning and contract savings achieved as part of the new framework agreement. However, these budgets are being reviewed in order to match the shift in service provision into direct payments as mentioned above.
- An underspend on independent residential and nursing care (-£417k) due to 34 less clients in care than budgeted plus additional income from health and property charges.
- Forecast underspend at this stage in respect of Community Mental Health budgets uncommitted (-£157k) plus underspend on specialist sitting service (-£33k).
- Underspend on carers services due to vacancies and slippage in carers breaks (-£33k).
- Slippage on recruitment to vacant posts within Assessment & Care Management and community support plus additional income from Health (-£267k).

### **Learning Disabilities (+£354k)**

- Overspend on residential care budgets due to loss of income from health for 5 clients plus 3 new clients previously funded by health (+£77k).
- Underspend within supported living schemes due to CHC income, use of one off grant funding and vacant posts (-£209k).
- Recurrent budget pressure on Day Care transport (+£285k) including income from charges.
- Increase in demand for Direct Payments over and above budget (+£65k).
- Forecast overspend in independent sector home care (+£79k) due to a reduction in budget agreed as part of budget setting.
- Three new high cost placements in independent day care is resulting in a forecast overspend of +£65k.
- Increase in community support placements is resulting in a forecast overspend of +£30k.
- Saving on premises costs (-£18k) and slippage on vacant posts (-£20k).

### **Mental Health (-£16k)**

- Projected slight underspend on residential care budget (-£6k).
- Budget pressure on Direct Payments (+£146k) is being offset by savings on Community Support Services (-£158k) as clients take up a direct payment.
- Minor overspends on employee's budgets (+£2k).

### **Physical & Sensory Disabilities (-£108k)**

- Continued Pressure on Independent Sector domiciliary care (+£65k) due to continue increase in demand.
- Loss of CHC funding for one client at Rig Drive (+£33k).
- Increase in demand for Direct Payments (+ 27 clients), forecast overspend (+£372k).
- Underspend on crossroads (-£70k) as clients are redirected to direct payments.
- Forecast overspend on Residential and Nursing care offset by slippage in developing alternatives to residential provision (-£428k).
- Vacant posts at Green Lane Resource centre and Occupational Therapists (-£64k).
- Forecast savings on contracts with Voluntary Sector providers (-£16k).

### **Adults Safeguarding (-£29k)**

- Underspend on employee budgets due to vacant post plus forecast additional income from court of protection fees.

### **Supporting People (Balanced Budget)**

- Efficiency savings on subsidy contracts offset against Commissioning savings targets not within Adult Services.

#### **7.1.3 Agency and Consultancy**

Total expenditure on Agency staff for Adult Services for the period ending July 2012 was £66,739 (none of which was off contract). This compares with an actual cost of £152,117 for the same period last year (of which £1,974 was off contract). Primarily, these costs were in respect of assessment and care management staff to cover vacancies and sickness.

There has been no expenditure on consultancy to-date.

#### **7.1.4 Non contractual Overtime**

Actual expenditure to the end of July 2012 on non-contractual overtime for Adult Services was £94,223 compared with expenditure of £105,590 for the same period last year.

The actual costs of both Agency and non contractual overtime are included within the financial forecasts.

## **7.2 Current Action**

To mitigate any further financial pressures within the service, budget meetings and budget clinics are held with Service Directors and managers on a regular basis to monitor financial performance and further examine significant variations against the approved budget to ensure expenditure remains within the cash limited budget by the end of the financial year.

## **8. Finance**

Finance details including main reasons for variance from budget are included in section 7 above.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Careful scrutiny of expenditure and income and close budget monitoring remains essential to ensure equity of service provision for adults across the Borough within existing budgets particularly where the demand and spend is difficult to predict in such a volatile social care market. One potential risk is the future number and cost of transitional placements from children's services into Learning Disability services.

In addition, any future reductions in continuing health care funding would have a significant impact on residential and domiciliary care budgets across Adult Social Care.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The delivery of Adult Services within its approved cash limit is vital to achieving the objectives of the Council and the CSCI Outcomes Framework for Performance Assessment of Adult Social Care. Financial performance is also a key element within the assessment of the Council's overall performance.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

- Report to Cabinet on 22 February 2012 –Proposed Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2012/13.
- The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2011-2014.

This report has been discussed with the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods and Adult Services, the Director of Health and Well Being and the Director of Financial Services.

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