

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

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| 1. | Meeting: | Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care |
| 2. | Date: | Monday 16 June 2014 |
| 3. | Title: | Adult Services Revenue Outturn Report 2013/14 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 2013/14. The net Outturn for Adult Services shows an overall underspend of £33k against a revised net cash limited revenue budget of £73.555m (a variation of -0.05%).

A significant part of the reason for a slight underspend is due to additional income received from Health during the final quarter. This together with restricting spend to essential items only throughout the year underpinned by tight financial management within the service as contributed to addressing the budget pressures within Adult Services.

6. Recommendations

That Members receive and note the unaudited 2013/14 Revenue Outturn Report for Adult Services.

7. Proposals and Details

The 2013/14 revised cash limited budget after budget virements was £73.555m, the net Revenue Outturn for the service for 2013/14 was £73.522m. This resulted in an overall net underspend of £0.033m (-0.05%). This represents a slight increase in the underspend of £9k compared with the last budget monitoring report as at the end of February 2014, largely due to the further impact of restricting spend to essential items only throughout the year.

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

| Service Area | Revised Budget | Outturn | Surplus (-) Deficit (+) | % Variation to Budget |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | % |
| Adults General, Management, Training and Support | 1,751 | 1,611 | -140 | -7.99 |
| Older People's Services | 30,022 | 30,320 | 298 | -0.99 |
| Learning Disability Services | 23,620 | 23,752 | 132 | +0.56 |
| Mental Health Services | 5,004 | 4,558 | -446 | -8.91 |
| Physical Disability Services | 5,387 | 5,770 | 383 | 7.11 |
| Adult Safeguarding | 729 | 581 | -148 | -20.27 |
| Supporting People | 7,042 | 6,930 | -112 | -1.59 |
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| Total Adult Services | 73,555 | 73,522 | -33 | -0.05 |
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The key variations within each service area can be summarised as follows:

Adults General (-£140k)

The underspend was mainly due to restricting spend to essential items only throughout the year, managed savings on training budgets plus additional grant funding for HIV support.

Older People's Services (+£298k)

The main overspends were a recurrent budget pressure on Direct Payments (+£757k), delays in implementing budget savings target within In House Residential Care due to extended consultation (+£126k), an overspend on independent residential and nursing care (+£812k) due to budget savings target for additional Continuing Health Care not achieved plus an increase in demand for domiciliary care (additional 58 clients) particularly during final quarter (+£975k).

These budget pressures were reduced by: additional Winter Pressures funding received in last quarter (-£220k); vacancies due to service reviews and increased staff turnover within Assessment & Care Management and Social Work Teams (-£654k); the impact of restricting spend to essential items only throughout the year within Day Care services (-£130k); delays on developing services for Dementia clients (-£309k) and carers breaks (-£196k); additional funding from health to support hospital discharges (-£500k); also revenue savings due to delays in the replacement programme for Community Alarms and funding through capital resources (-£363k).

Learning Disabilities (+£132K)

The main overspends were in respect of SYHA residential and nursing contracts (+£95k), increases in care packages and reduction in CHC income in supported living schemes (+£64k), increase in demand and unachievable budget saving in Domiciliary Care (+£85k) and high cost placements in independent day care (+£66k). There were also recurrent pressures on Day Care transport including under-recovery of income from charges and new high cost placements during the year (+£110k).

These pressures were reduced by underspends in independent sector residential care budgets as a result of a review of all high cost placements (-£169k) plus efficiency savings on a number of independent and voluntary sector contracts (-£65k) and reduced care packages within Community Support services (-£54k).

Mental Health Services (-£446k)

Savings on Community Support Services (-£184k) as clients moved to a direct payment plus additional funding from health to meet public health outcomes in respect of alcohol and substance misuse (-£262k).

Physical and Sensory Disabilities (+£383k)

A recurrent budget pressure and a further increase in demand for Direct Payments (+10 clients) resulted in an overspend (+£776k) plus independent Domiciliary Care (+£152k). These pressures were reduced by a planned delay in developing specialist alternatives to residential and respite care provision (-£321k), efficiency savings on contracts with providers for day care, advocacy and Community support services (-£163k), equipment and minor adaptations (-£9k) and staff vacancies and non-pay budgets (-£52k).

Adult Safeguarding (-£148k)

The underspend was mainly due to additional Public Health funding to support Domestic Violence plus higher than expected staff turnover.

Supporting People (-£112k)

Efficiency savings were made due to a reduction in actual activity on a number of subsidy contracts.

8. Finance

The attached appendix 1 shows a brief description of the main reasons for variation from the approved budget.

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 2014 and subsequently external audit verification during July/August.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The approved cash limited budget for 2013/14 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, ensuring care and protection are available for those people who need it most.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

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

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