

Children's Directorate

Month 4 2022/23



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Description	July Month 4 £m	Narrative
BAU - Placements	1.404	At Month 4 we had 8 Young People in Bespoke Arrangements. 2 Children were over £20k p/week, with high staffing to child ratios. The remaining 6 placements have 2:1 staffing levels, and cost circa £12k p/week. This level of Bespoke placements exceeds that which was anticipated at budget setting.
BAU - Non Placement	1.117	Pressures within the CYPF service area budgets, primarily £0.529m pressure within the Children's Social Work team due to specialist assessment and transport costs and £0.431m relating to external legal costs.
CYPF Shortfall Delivery Plans	0.000	All delivery plans within CYPF are on track to be achieved at Month 4.
Total CYPF	2.521	
EP&S BAU	0.876	The main pressures within EP&S relate to increased package costs within Short Breaks (£0.370m) and higher route costs within School Transport (£0.634m) offset by staffing savings within other parts of the service.
EPS Shortfall Savings Plans	0.446	The service have achieved £0.271m of their delivery plan targets but the remaining targets have been flagged as unlikely to be achieved due to the pressures the service is experiencing, for example with School Transport
Total EPS	1.322	
Total Children's Directorate	3.843	

CYPF Budget Monitoring – Mitigations



- At Month 3 a series of mitigations were established to offset some of the pressure being reported, these total £1.415m

MITIGATIONS	£m
Placement Review - Top 30	-0.500
Independent Housing	-0.200
Court Fees	-0.050
Court Assessments	-0.129
Family Support Review (Jan to Mar 2023)	-0.075
Out of Hours	-0.061
Social Workers I2S	-0.100
EP&S Hold Vacancies	-0.300

- At Month 4 an additional mitigation of £0.500m was added to increase contributions to package costs from Health partners. Total mitigations are now £1.915m
- The overall reported pressure after mitigations is £1.928m

CYPF Delivery Plans – Month 4



	Placement Review	AST	Fostering	Troubled Families	CYPF Management	EPS Management	Total	
Target	-1.400	-0.500	-0.450	-0.650	-0.225	-0.717	-3.942	
Achieved	-0.456	-0.310	-0.315	0.000	0.000	-0.271	-1.352	34.30%
On Track	-0.681	-0.190	-0.019	-0.650	-0.225	0.000	-1.765	44.76%
Tentative	-0.264	0.000	-0.116	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.379	9.63%
No Active Plans	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.446	-0.446	11.31%
	-1.400	-0.500	-0.450	-0.650	-0.225	-0.717	-3.942	100.01%

Delivery Plans:

- £1.400m – Placement Review
- £0.500m – Adolescent Support Team
- £0.450m – Fostering
- £0.650m – Supporting Families – Grant Maximisation
- £0.225m – CYPF Management Actions
- £0.717m – EP&S Management Actions

TOTAL £3.942m

- Delivery Plans Achieved So Far- £1.352m (34%)
- £0.446m shortfall reported in EP&S

Breakdown of Income & Expenditure – CYPF and EP&S



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Children, Young People and Families

Type of Expenditure	Budget £m	
Third Party Payments	40.272	Placement Costs
Employees	16.260	
Supplies and Services	2.451	
Transport	0.492	
Capital Financing	0.362	
Support Services	0.140	
Premises	0.006	
Income	-6.684	Grant funding, contributions from Health etc.
Total	53.298	

Education Participation and Skills

Type of Expenditure	Budget £m	
Supplies and Services	24.790	Allocating DSG to maintained schools
Employees	12.275	
Third Party Payments	11.457	Allocating High Needs Block DSG
Capital Financing outside NCS	0.535	
Transport	0.318	
Support Services	0.224	
Premises	0.084	
Income	-39.350	DSG income
Total	10.333	