

CHILDRENS DIRECTORATE FINANCE

Quarter I



- The Children, Young People & Families Budget for 2023/24 is set at £50.092m. This is a decrease from 2022/23 of £1.289m.
- The Children, Young People & Families service was given a budget uplift of £3.053m in 2023/24 to allow for expected cost & volume pressures within Placements, resulting from increases to National Living Wage, Cost of Living & Inflation. Additional budget has also been allocated due to the 2023/24 pension contribution.
- Additional Medium Term Financial Planning targets were also identified by the service of £4.575m, to give a net budget decrease of £1.289m

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES - Budget by Year						
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Budget	35.437	37.277	42.515	43.106	51.381	50.092
Increase/(Decrease)		1.840	5.238	0.591	8.275	-1.289

2023/24 Budgetary Changes	£m
Additional Cost & Volume	3.053
Pension Increase Adjustment	0.233
Reduce the use of residential care, increase the use of foster care and work to ensure children in care can return to their families or a connected person in their lives	(2.275)
Work with families to keep more children at home	(1.627)
Service & Budget Realignment	(0.673)
	(1.289)

- The Education, Participation and Skills Budget for 2023/24 is set at £12.227m. This is an increase from 2022/23 of £1.478m.
- Education, Participation and Skills were given a budget uplift of £1.370m in 2023/24 to allow for the additional pressures within Home to School Transport and SEND Short Breaks. There was also an adjustment for the 2023/24 Pension contributions.

EDUCATION, PARTICIPATION AND SKILLS - Budget by Year						
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Budget	10.106	9.658	10.546	10.462	10.749	12.227

Increase/(Decrease)		-0.449	0.888	-0.084	0.287	1.478
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- The below table breaks down the delivery plan savings targets identified for 2023/24.

2023/24 Delivery Plans	£m
Identify more appropriate placement settings for those in high cost packages	1.400
Reunify Looked After Children back to a family environment	0.500
Increase our In-House Fostering sufficiency	0.450
Utilising Grant Funding to maximise revenue funds available to the Authority	0.650
CYPF Management - In Year Savings through Budget Monitoring	0.225
EPS Management - In Year Savings through Budget Monitoring	0.717
	3.942

Quarter 1 Monitoring Position

- At Quarter 1, the CYPF department were showing an adverse variance to budget of £1.960m. This adverse variance was primarily down to 2 High Cost Residential & 2 High Cost Supported Living (£1.342m) & Pending SGO Judicial Review (£0.618m)

Children, Young People & Families 2023/24 Budget

Budget Areas	2023/24 Approved Budget Expenditure £m	2023/24 Approved Budget Income £m	2023/24 Approved Net Budget £m	2023/24 Forecast Month 3 £m	Variance to Budget
Independent and Internal Sector Placements	34.262	(0.301)	33.961	33.961	0.000
Permanency	4.012	(0.161)	3.851	3.851	0.000
Childrens Social Work	3.732	0.000	3.732	3.732	0.000
Targeted	5.326	(2.296)	3.030	3.030	0.000
Plymouth Referral and Assmnt	3.354	(0.486)	2.868	4.828	1.960
CYPF Central Costs	1.967	(0.010)	1.957	1.957	0.000
QA Safeguarding and Bus Suppt	1.839	(0.048)	1.791	1.791	0.000
Adoption	1.161	0.000	1.161	1.161	0.000
CAMHS Specialist Services	0.658	(0.048)	0.610	0.610	0.000
Virtual School	1.167	(0.811)	0.356	0.356	0.000
CYPF Delivery Plans	(3.225)	0.000	(3.225)	(3.225)	0.000
Total	54.253	(4.161)	50.092	52.052	1.960

- At Quarter 1, the EPS department were showing an adverse variance to budget of £0.852m. This adverse variance was primarily down to SEND Transport – 2023/24 budget was right sized with £1m but since then new routes and new children have met the statutory threshold and are now realising a £0.852m pressure

Education, Participation and Skills 2023/24 Budget

Budget Areas	2023/24 Approved Budget Expenditure £m	2023/24 Approved Budget Income £m	2023/24 Approved Net Budget £m	2023/24 Forecast Month 3 £m	Variance to Budget
Transport	6.297	(0.448)	5.849	6.701	0.852
SEND	6.993	(3.353)	3.640	3.640	0.000
Centrally Managed Schools Exp	2.974	(1.740)	1.234	1.234	0.000
Educational Psychology	0.834	(0.184)	0.649	0.649	0.000
On Course South West	2.553	(2.055)	0.498	0.498	0.000
PIAS & Parenting	0.435	0.000	0.435	0.435	0.000
School Improvement	0.473	(0.107)	0.366	0.366	0.000
Management	0.348	(0.007)	0.341	0.341	0.000
Organisation	0.437	(0.127)	0.311	0.311	0.000
Inclusion	0.611	(0.387)	0.223	0.223	0.000
Skills and Post 16	1.033	(0.971)	0.062	0.062	0.000
Outdoor education	0.021	0.000	0.021	0.021	0.000
Admissions	0.395	(0.389)	0.006	0.006	0.000
Nursery Schools	1.217	(1.217)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Services for Schools	0.056	(0.112)	(0.056)	(0.056)	0.000
Education Services Grant	0.000	(0.634)	(0.634)	(0.634)	0.000
EP&S Delivery Plans	(0.717)	0.000	(0.717)	(0.600)	0.117
Total	23.958	(11.731)	12.227	13.079	0.997