

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Budget Monitoring Quarter 1 – 2023-24

**MONTH 3 FINANCIAL FORECAST**

At Month 3 Adult Social Care is reporting a pressure of £1.298m.

Per the below table pressures are being driven by demand and cost pressures within Care Package budgets. The largest pressures are within Domiciliary Care, due to reduced waiting lists and improved capacity to meet demand, and Long Stay Nursing with increased complexity of need driving higher package costs.

Budget Areas	2023/24 Approved Budget	M3 Forecast	Variance
	£m	£m	£m
Care Packages			
Residential - Long Stay	37.617	37.446	(0.171)
Residential - Short Stay	2.017	2.455	0.438
Nursing - Long Stay	10.617	11.436	0.819
Nursing - Short Stay	0.329	0.454	0.125
Respite	0.291	0.198	(0.093)
Supported Living	26.551	27.159	0.608
Domiciliary Care	13.066	14.651	1.633
Direct Payments	12.170	12.310	0.140
Extra Care Housing	3.793	3.793	0.000
Day Care	1.407	1.407	0.000
Total Packages	107.858	111.309	3.499

The total pressure from Care Packages is £3.499m, this is offset by forecast additional income from clients of (£0.301m) and the recently announced Market Sustainability Workforce Fund Grant of (£1.900m), which has been announced early for support with winter pressures.

There is potential risk of further growth in pressures behind these numbers. Work is ongoing to identify mitigations including:

- Deep Dives into Dom Care, Residential and Nursing, Supported Living and Direct Payments, and subsequent Challenge Panels. These meetings include representatives from the service, Livewell, finance and project and performance officers – their purpose is to identify and drive savings to mitigate the increases that are being seen.
- Maximising income streams i.e. any additional grant funding or funding from Health.
- Tightening financial governance with revised Scheme of Delegation

The service also has a savings target this year of an additional £3.712m, currently all delivery plans are Green or Amber, per the below table. There are risks, however, around the ability to meet package review targets, as this is dependent on the needs of the individual clients.

ASC Delivery Plans 2023/24	Target Savings	Achieved savings	Plans on track for delivery	Plans worked on for delivery	Planned, internal/external actions required to deliver
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Managing and reducing cost pressures across care provider market	1.000		0.750	0.250	
18-64 Review Programme and Reducing Transition Packages	0.430		0.275	0.155	
Managing and Reducing Demand of ASC Packages (65plus)	1.000		0.231	0.769	
Review Reablement Service	0.250	0.162		0.088	
Review contracts to deliver efficiencies	0.205	0.205			
Develop a new operating model across the directorate	0.200		0.067	0.133	
Transfer Health and Wellbeing Budget to Public Health	0.627	0.627			
	3.712	0.994	1.323	1.395	