

**CHILDRENS DIRECTORATE FINANCE**

Quarter2



- 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

<b>CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE &amp; FAMILIES - Budget by Year</b>						
	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)

<b>2023/24 Budgetary Changes</b>	<b>£m</b>
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)
	<b>(1.289)</b>

- 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.

<b>EDUCATION, PARTICIPATION AND SKILLS - Budget by Year</b>						
	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

- 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
	<b>3.942</b>

### Quarter 2 Monitoring Position

- At Quarter 2, the Children, Young People and Families department are showing an adverse variance to budget of £4.684m.
  - This adverse variance is primarily down to an increase in high cost Residential and Bespoke packages. Supported Living has also seen an increase in weekly placement costs.
  - The authority is currently backdating payments to our Special Guardianship carers as per a recent SGO Judicial Review (£0.618m)
  - The department have also declared non-achievable savings targets of £1.627m, which relates to the MTFP plan involving working with families to keep more children at home.

### Children's Quarter 2 Monitoring

Budget Areas	2023/24 Approved Budget	Quarter 1 Forecast	Quarter 2 Forecast	Variance to Budget	Movement in Quarter
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
<b>CYPF</b>					
<b>Services</b>					
Placements & Packages	33.961	35.921	38.538	4.578	2.618
Permanency	3.851	3.851	3.923	0.072	0.072
Childrens Social Work	3.732	3.732	3.792	0.060	0.060
Targeted	3.030	3.030	2.958	(0.072)	(0.072)
Plymouth Referral and Assmnt	2.868	2.868	2.808	(0.060)	(0.060)
CYPF Central Costs	1.957	1.957	1.957	0.000	0.000
QA Safeguarding and Bus Suppt	1.791	1.791	1.791	0.000	0.000
Adoption	1.161	1.267	1.267	0.106	0.000
CAMHS Specialist Services	0.610	0.610	0.610	0.000	0.000
Virtual School	0.356	0.356	0.356	0.000	0.000
Delivery Plans	(3.225)	(3.225)	(3.225)	0.000	0.000
<b>Total CYPF</b>	<b>50.092</b>	<b>52.159</b>	<b>54.776</b>	<b>4.684</b>	<b>2.618</b>

## OFFICIAL

- At Quarter 2, the EPS department are showing an adverse variance to budget of £1.453m. This adverse variance is primarily down to SEND Transport – 2023/24 budget was right sized with £1.000m but since then new routes and new children have met the statutory threshold and are now realising a £1.453m pressure.

Budget Areas	2023/24 Approved Budget	Quarter 1 Forecast	Quarter 2 Forecast	Variance to Budget	Movement in Quarter
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
<b>EPS</b>					
<b>Services</b>					
Transport	5.849	6.701	7.302	1.453	0.601
SEND	3.640	3.640	3.640	0.000	0.000
Centrally Managed Schools Exp	1.234	1.234	1.234	0.000	0.000
Educational Psychology	0.649	0.649	0.649	0.000	0.000
On Course South West	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.000	0.000
PIAS & Parenting	0.435	0.435	0.435	0.000	0.000
School Improvement	0.366	0.366	0.366	0.000	0.000
Management	0.341	0.341	0.341	0.000	0.000
Organisation	0.311	0.311	0.311	0.000	0.000
Inclusion	0.223	0.223	0.223	0.000	0.000
Skills and Post 16	0.062	0.062	0.062	0.000	0.000
Outdoor education	0.021	0.021	0.021	0.000	0.000
Admissions	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.000	0.000
Early Years	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Services for Schools	(0.056)	(0.056)	(0.056)	0.000	0.000
Education Services Grant	(0.634)	(0.634)	(0.634)	0.000	0.000
Delivery Plans	(0.717)	(0.717)	(0.717)	0.000	0.000
<b>Total EPS</b>	<b>12.227</b>	<b>13.079</b>	<b>13.680</b>	<b>1.453</b>	<b>0.601</b>