



MONITORING OF THE INTEGRATED JOINT BUDGET 2015/16

Aim

- 1.1 To provide the Integrated Joint Board with a full report, on the Partnership's Integrated Budget based on the actual expenditure outturn as at 31st December 2015.

Background

- 2.1 The total revised Integrated Joint Budget stands currently at £136.97m.
- 2.2 The services contained within this report relate to national guidance issued following the consultation.
- 2.3 It was agreed that 2015/16 will be a shadow year and the integrated budget will be on an aligned basis. Therefore any cost pressures remain the responsibility of the partner organisations.

Outturn

- 3.1 The revenue monitoring position reported to the Board is based on the actual outturn as at the 31st December 2015. As at the end of December the Partnership's expenditure position was £1.1m overspent against budget to date and projecting a year end outturn position of £0.466m overspent against the revised annual budget. The projected year end outturn overspend mainly relates to generic services offset by an underspend on Mental Health Services. Further analysis of this position is detailed below. This is an improved position from the October report. SBC services are now projecting a break even position at the year end, predicated on an additional contribution from SB Cares of £55k (a further 11.5% on planned contribution) and additional resources of £52k from elsewhere across the People Department within Scottish Borders Council.
- 3.2 The projected outturn pressures within the Social Care element of the Integrated Budget have reduced consistently over recent months due to the implementation and delivery of a range of savings actions including rigorous challenge of all new clients' care and support planning, review and reduction of existing care packages, a large-scale vacancy freeze and the delayed implementation of the Dementia Care team. A reduction in the number of clients requiring residential care during December has helped considerably also, alongside a contribution from the SBC's People Department Business and Performance service. NHS Borders continues to ensure that all possible actions are taken to minimise the projected overspend but the main element of overspend continues to be GP Prescribing over which the Board has little control.

Key Issues

4.1 *Joint Mental Health Service*

At December the Mental Health Service are reporting an underspend of £53k This underspend (£168K) is mainly within mental health services within NHS Borders and relates to staffing vacancies. This underspend is being offset by higher costs in Social Care due to a new admission. It is anticipated the Social Care overspend will be brought back into line prior to year end.

4.2 *Older Peoples Service*

The Older Peoples Service in Scottish Borders Council is overspent by £0.462m at the end of December with a projected overspend of £0.137m by the end of the year. There has been a reduction in the number of clients in receipt of residential care during December which it is anticipated will continue to the end of the financial year.

4.3 *Generic Services*

Generic Services are £0.486m overspent at the end of December and it is predicted that the heading will be overspent by £0.586m at the year end. The main issues within generic services continue to be GP Prescribing offset by underspends in dental, smoking cessation, and sexual health services.

4.4 The GP prescribing budget is reporting an overspend of £0.673m at the end of December and a year end out turn of £1.0m overspent. This prediction is as robust as current information allows but due to the normal time lag in receiving information variation is still possible. Currently seven month's price data and eight months volume data have been received. The key issue continues to be volatility in global drug prices over which NHS Borders has limited control. The Medicines Resource Group locally continues to recommend the most cost effective drugs taking into account patient safety. Work is ongoing nationally to identify how NHS Scotland can address the price changes which are impacting on all NHS Boards.

4.5 Dental services are underspent by £0.2m at the end of December with a similar position projected at year end after offsetting any agreed efficiencies. The staffing vacancies which have created this underspend have now in the main been filled.

4.6 The smoking cessation service is currently underspent and this is expected to continue for the remainder of the year due to reduced up take of this service.

4.7 The Integrated Care fund £2.130m is included under generic services. To date potential project expenditure of £479k has been identified. Any underspend at the year end will be carried forward into next financial year through a ring fenced agreement with Scottish Borders Council.

Summary

5.1 The revenue monitoring position set out in this report is based on the actual income and expenditure to the 31st December 2015. The Partnership is reporting an out turn position of £1.1m overspent to the end of December and is projecting a year end adverse out turn of £0.466m. Both organisations will continue working to minimise this overspend. As the budgets are on an aligned basis any year end overspend will be met by the relevant responsible organisation.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board **note** the budget monitoring reports at Appendix 1.

Policy/Strategy Implications	In compliance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and any consequential Regulations, Orders, Directions and Guidance.
Consultation	Members of the Integration Programme Board have been consulted on the report and the position reported to the Shadow Board. The report has also been reviewed by and approved by relevant Management Teams within both partner organisations.
Risk Assessment	A full risk assessment and risk monitoring process for the Integration Programme is being developed as part of the Integration Programme arrangements.
Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity	An equality impact assessment will be undertaken on the arrangements for Joint Integration when agreed.
Resource/Staffing Implications	It is anticipated that the Integration Shadow Board will oversee services which have a budget of over £130m, within the existing scope. The budget will change as other functions are brought within the scope of the Integration Shadow Board.

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