

## **MONITORING OF THE INTEGRATED BUDGET 2015/16**

### **Aim**

- 1.1 To provide the Integrated Joint Board with a report, by exception, of any significant pressures within the Partnership's Integrated Budget based on the projected outturn as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

### **Background**

- 2.1 The total Shadow Revised Integrated Budget stands currently at £136.658m.
- 2.2 The services contained within this report related to the most current guidance and these will be updated should further new guidance be received and changes agreed.
- 2.3 It was agreed that 2015/16 will be a shadow financial year and the integrated budget will be on an aligned basis. Therefore any cost pressures remain the responsibility of the partner organisations.

### **Key Issues**

- 3.1 The revenue monitoring position reported to the Board is based on the projected out turn as at the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015. At this point the Partnership is reporting an outturn expenditure position of £136.786m, and a projected year end position of a small overspend of £128k primarily within Adults with Physical Disability and the Joint Mental Health services. This projected year end position should be treated with a caution as there is currently only one month's data available.
- 3.2 Within the NHS budgets the risk remains around GP Prescribing due to the volatility in price paid for some drugs which are in short supply. In April the GP prescribing budget is shown as break even as limited information is currently available for the new financial year due to the normal time lag in processing prescriptions by National Services Scotland (NSS).
- 3.3 Scottish Government is currently reviewing the dental allocation for 2015/16 and therefore this has been shown as breakeven out turn due to the uncertainty around the final allocation.
- 3.4 As 2015/16 continues to be a shadow year financially and budgets are aligned any year end overspends will be the responsibility of the host organisation. NHS Borders will manage its element of any emerging overspend by taking appropriate action. In anticipation of any unforeseen pressures NHS Borders has set aside a small contingency in its financial plan and will make continued use of a number of financial control measures. Scottish Borders Council is already implementing an action plan aimed at bringing forward additional savings to offset both the small reported variance and other unquantified potential pressures that may emerge during this financial year, including a higher-than-expected COSLA uplift to external residential care home contract, potential increases to provider rates across Older People, Learning Disability and Physical Disability services and a change in legislation that will result in significant cost increases in the cost

of providing Night Support within the Learning Disability service.

- 3.5 The Board will be informed should any further pressures arise and any management action being taken to mitigate the pressure. The next full financial report will be presented to the Shadow Board for the quarter ending June.

### Recommendation

The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to:-

**Note** the above reported projected position of break even at 30th April 2015.

**Note** that Budget Holders/Managers will continue to work to deliver planned savings and deliver a balanced budget. Where this is not possible managers will work to bring forward actions to mitigate any projected overspends.

<b>Policy/Strategy Implications</b>	In compliance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and any consequential Regulations, Orders, Directions and Guidance.
<b>Consultation</b>	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.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	A full risk assessment and risk monitoring process for the Integration Programme is being developed as part of the Integration Programme arrangements.
<b>Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity</b>	An equality impact assessment will be undertaken on the arrangements for Joint Integration when agreed.
<b>Resource/Staffing Implications</b>	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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