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Integration Joint Board



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**MONITORING AND FORECAST OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP
BUDGET 2018/19 AT 31 DECEMBER 2018**

Purpose of Report:	The purpose of this report is to update the IJB on the forecast year end position of the Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) for 2018/19 based on available information to the 31 st December 2018.
Recommendations:	<p>The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to:</p> <p>a) Note the forecast overspend of (£7.372m) for the Partnership for the year to 31 March 2018/19 based on available information</p> <p>b) Note that any expenditure in excess of the delegated budgets in 2018/19 will require to be funded by additional contributions from the partners in line with the approved scheme of integration</p>
Personnel:	There are no resourcing implications beyond the financial resources identified within the report. Any significant resource impact beyond those identified in the report that may arise during 2018/19 will be reported to the Integration Joint Board.
Carers:	N/A
Equalities:	There are no equalities impacts arising from the report.
Financial:	<p>No resourcing implications beyond the financial resources identified within the report.</p> <p>The report draws on information provided in finance reports presented to NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council. Both partner organisations' Finance functions have contributed to its development and will work closely with IJB officers in delivering its outcomes.</p>

Legal:	Supports the delivery of the Strategic Plan and is in compliance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and any consequential Regulations, Orders, Directions and Guidance.
Risk Implications:	To be reviewed in line with agreed risk management strategy. The key risks outlined in the report form part of the draft financial risk register for the partnership.

Background

- 2.1 The report relates to the forecast position on both the budget supporting all functions delegated to the partnership (the “delegated budget”) and the budget relating to large-hospital functions retained and set aside for the population of the Scottish Borders (the “set-aside budget”).
- 2.2 The forecast position is based on the most recent available information presented to Scottish Borders Council and the Board of NHS Borders. It highlights the key areas of financial pressure at 31 December 2018 and any actions identified to manage the position going forward.

Overview of Monitoring and Forecast Position at 31 December 2018

- 3.1 An overspend of (£7.372m) is forecast on the budgets delegated by the IJB to the H&SCP for the year to 31 March 2018. The forecast overspend has reduced by £0.177m from the position reported last month. A breakdown of the forecast position by service within Function is provided in **Appendix 1**.

Healthcare Functions

- 3.1 The forecast for delegated Healthcare functions shows a slight improvement to an overspend of (£6.005m). The savings brought forward from previous years of (£4.8m) continues to be largest element of the overspend. The Financial Recovery Plan will detail schemes to address this balance going forward. The forecast pressure reported last month within Learning Disabilities in relation to patients transitioning from Children’s Services and within Mental Health in relation to agency costs for medical staff maternity cover are unchanged, as is the prescribing forecast. The forecast overspend within the Community Hospitals in relation to staffing pressures also continues at the same level. The Chief Officer, Service leads and finance are meeting regularly to identify in year and recurring actions to address these pressures.

Social Care Functions

- 3.2 The forecast for delegated Social Care functions is reporting a favourable movement of £0.168m to a break even position for the year end. The pressures forecast within Older People and Learning Disabilities have been offset by corporate releases and a small underspend forecast within Generic services. Work is ongoing to identify a recurring solution to these pressures.

Large Hospital Functions Set-Aside

3.3 The Set-Aside functions are forecasting an unchanged year end position of a (£1.369m) overspend. The ongoing pressures within A&E services, Medicine & Long Term Conditions, and Medicine of the Elderly are being managed to ensure no further deterioration in the forecast position.

Delivering Financial Balance

4.1 The forecast overspend of (£7.372m) falls entirely within the functions delegated by Health. The Health Board have confirmed that this forecast overspend is reflected in their year end forecast of (£10.1m) and as such an additional allocation will be made to cover this balance at the year end. Any adverse movement in the forecast for council delegated functions which results in a year end overspend will require an additional allocation from the council.

Risk

5.1 The risk that brokerage will not be forthcoming has been mitigated through the assurances provided by Scottish Government to NHS Borders.

5.2 There remains a risk that ongoing management action may not contain or improve the forecast position. The Chief Officer, finance and Service leads are meeting on a regular basis to ensure close monitoring and management of the position to the year end.

5.3 There remains a risk that a recovery plan may not identify sufficient actions to bring spend in line with current budget levels. The plan must explore all options across the partnership and produce an integrated plan.