

*Scottish Borders Health & Social Care
Integration Joint Board*



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MONITORING AND FORECAST OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP BUDGET 2021/22 AT 31 MARCH 2022	
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 2021/22 based on available information to the 31 March 2022.
Recommendations:	<p>The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the actual performance of the Partnership was a combined favourable variance of £0.913m for the year to 31 March 2022; b) Note that all costs identified in relation to Covid-19 have been funded by the Scottish Government; c) Note that the position includes additional funding to offset non-achievement of savings made available by Scottish Government, as well as virement to the Health and Social Care Partnership by Scottish Borders Council to offset pressures within social care functions from efficiencies identified across non-delegated functions; d) Note that no additional contribution from partners is required to achieve a breakeven position as a result of additional Scottish Government support to meet the costs of COVID19, and to offset non-delivery of savings, made available during 2021/22.
Personnel:	There are no resourcing implications beyond the financial resources identified within the report.
Carers:	N/A
Equalities:	There are no equalities impacts arising from the report.
Financial:	<p>Financial resources and their deployment are described within the body of the report.</p> <p>The report draws on information provided in finance reports</p>

	presented to NHS Borders Board and Scottish Borders Council Executive Committee. Both partner organisations' Finance functions have contributed to its development and will work closely with IJB officers in delivering its outcomes.
Legal:	Monitoring against the partnership's Financial Plan 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:	Risks are 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.
Direction required:	No Direction required

Background

- 1.1 The report relates to the Month 12 actual outturn 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").
- 1.2 The outturn position is based on the available information presented to Scottish Borders Council Executive Committee and the Board of NHS Borders. It highlights the key areas of variance from budget as at 31 March 2022.

Overview of Monitoring and Forecast Position at 31 March 2022

- 2.1 The paper sets out the consolidated financial performance for the period to end of March 2022 (month 12).
- 2.2 At the end of month 12, functions delegated to the partnership are reporting a favourable position of £0.913m and the large hospital budget retained and set-aside is reporting a breakeven position (£0m). This position includes additional support detailed below.
- 2.3 The health delegated functions within the partnership are reporting an adverse pressure of (£0.021m) which is fully offset by underspend against delegated functions within Social Care. Social Care functions are reporting an underspend of £0.934m. It should be noted that this position includes virement of additional budget by Scottish Borders Council made in prior periods to offset financial pressures incurred at that time.

Efficiency Savings

- 3.4 The IJB is reporting a shortfall of £6.565m on savings plans during 2022/23, however additional support has been made available by Scottish Government to offset the anticipated impact of COVID19 on delivery of savings. Total offset of £6.269m is described below, leaving a residual £0.296m shortfall.

	Targeted Savings per Financial Plan £m	Shortfall before Support £m	SG Support £m	Final Position Mar-22 £m
Healthcare Functions	(4.740)	(4.739)	4.623	(0.116)
Social Care Functions	(3.356)	(0.780)	0.780	0.000
Set-Aside Functions	(1.090)	(1.046)	0.866	(0.180)
	(9.186)	(6.565)	6.269	(0.296)

3.5 The residual shortfall arises due to slippage on in year savings projected to be delivered in 2021/22. This position relates exclusively to NHS functions, including Set Aside, and is offset by slippage on core budgets within these areas such that the overall reported performance is broadly breakeven.

3.5 Where savings plans have not been delivered recurrently in 2021/22 these will form the basis of expected savings for 2022/23 and beyond. This issue is discussed further by separate paper (Financial Plan 2022/23).

Year End Outturn

Healthcare functions

3.5 After support to non-delivery of savings, delegated healthcare functions are reporting an overall breakeven position (£0.021m overspent). This position includes a number of financial pressures reported in line with previous forecasts, including: high cost individual Learning Disabilities out of area placements; use of premium rate staffing to cover medical workforce gaps within Mental Health services. In addition, prescribing volumes and price indicators suggest an increased spend within primary care in the period January to March. AHP services are underspent after non-recurring support to offset pressure in Home First, and further slippage on dental services contributes to the overall position.

Social Care functions

3.7 At 31 March, Scottish Borders Council is reporting an improved position against forecast on Social Care functions, an underspend of £0.934m. This is mainly due to both Older People and Learning Disability experiencing higher than expected client income and lower client/care costs. A further benefit is realised in Mental Health due to reduced staff and care package costs. It should be noted that this position includes additional support to the partnership through virement from non-delegated functions to offset financial pressures identified in prior periods, together with the additional support to non-delivery of savings in 2021/22 provided by Scottish Government.

Large Hospital functions retained and set-aside

3.9 Accident and Emergency continues to experience significant pressures due to additional staffing to manage increased demand. This is offset by underspend in hospital prescribing with reduced activity against long term conditions and General Medicine. Vacancy gaps against a number of key medical staffing posts have provided further offset which mitigates the slippage in delivery of savings and

supports the achievement of an overall breakeven position, after additional SG support.

COVID-19

- 3.10 Additional expenditure of £4.386m was incurred across the partnership in relation to COVID-19 response. This included £0.540m within healthcare functions and £3.846m within Social care functions. This expenditure was fully funded in 2021/22 through additional Scottish Government funds. Additional support to hospital Set Aside functions was similarly funded as part of the wider NHS board COVID plan.
- 3.11 The IJB holds a reserve of c.£11m against unutilised COVID19 funds provided in 2021/22. Scottish Government have highlighted a significant shortfall in funds available to support COVID19 activities identified within financial plans for 2022/23 and IJBs are expected to work with local partners and Scottish Government to develop revised plans as part of a national programme of COVID cost improvement actions. This includes review of Vaccination plans and other directed services, including Test & Protect, and the expected wind-down of schemes to support social care provider sustainability and other support across hospital and community services. An update on this position will be developed as part of the IJBs quarter one forecast.

Annual Accounts 2021/22

- 3.10 The position reported above remains provisional pending audit of the IJBs Annual Report and Accounts for the period to 31st March 2022.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Monthly Management Revenue Report at 31st March 2022