

## Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009

### Report of the Director of Housing & Adult Social Services

#### Finance and Performance in Adult Social Services Update for 2009/10

##### Summary

1. This report provides an update of the 2009/10 position for both finance and performance in Adult Social Services, the main area covered by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

##### Analysis

###### Finance – overview

2. The net approved budget for Adult Social Services is £38.6m and, after identifying £665k of in-year savings to address cost pressures in the year, it is currently projected that Adult Social Services will overspend by £589k.
3. The main areas causing the overspend on Adult Social Services are
  - an increase in the number of customers supported at home (£622k) including an increase in the number of older people needing support and a continued increase in the volume and complexity of community based support for Learning Disabilities
  - increased Direct Payment take up (£586k)
  - increases in the number of Mental Health residential and nursing placements (£83k).
  - an agreed budget saving to deliver additional customer income of £180k has not yet been implemented due to the need to complete a full Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) and lack of sufficient resources to complete all the work needed
4. These overspends are offset by underspends at Elderly Persons' Homes, due in part to overachievement of income (£278k), and corrective in year action by the directorate of £665k designed to reduce the gross overspend position. This is comprised of the redirection of grants (£389k), reduction in training expenditure (£150k) and vacancy management controls (£126k).
5. The increase in demand from older and disabled people was anticipated and the York Long Term Commissioning Strategy reported to members in October 2007 projected that by 2020 there would be an increase of 31% in the over 65 population and, within this number, an increase in the over 85s of 60%. People over 85 are more likely to need support from health and social care services. The strategy also went on to project the likely impact on service demands and costs.

6. The table below shows the numbers of people accessing services in 2007, the projections that were made at the time about the increased capacity that was likely to be required by 2010 set alongside the current number of packages in place. This shows that increases are happening broadly in line with the forecast although at a higher rate with a 25% increase in community care packages and a 22% increase in care home placements over the past 2 years.

	Baseline snapshots (as at 17/7/07)	2010 forecast of capacity needed	Actual packages (as at 31/7/09)
Community Based	2635	3104	3322
Residential & Nursing	653	761	797

7. It is for this reason that the major reviews of direct services were agreed by members and these are being brought within the broader More for York programme. However, within this context of increasing demand it will be very difficult to produce a balanced outturn position in 09/10 in advance of the completion of the major reviews.
8. As part of the budget setting process for 09/10 savings were offered in a number of areas that did not affect service delivery. They included:
- in increase in the existing vacancy factor by 1% saving £85k.
  - a 1% efficiency against premises, supplies & services budgets and a minor base budget exercise that had been undertaken to drive out further efficiencies saving £200k.
  - Further savings identified corporately in administration, use of external consultants, energy budgets, transport, and improved staff attendance totalling £167k.

#### Performance – overview

9. NPIs 132 & 133 – timeliness of social care assessments and packages. Both these indicators cover areas that need to show improvement to address performance issues highlighted in the last Adult Social Care inspection. Progress based on the first quarter of 09/10 is mixed:
- Timeliness of assessments: Performance has improved from 67% to 77%, which matches the 2009/10 target. This has been achieved despite an increase in volume intake. This could impact on the ability to keep performance at the current levels, but if this were maintained, it would move York up from the bottom to the 3rd quartile, based on unitary authority comparative data.
  - Timeliness of care packages: Performance has dropped in the first period of this year (currently 83% compared 90.3% in 2008/09). This falls short of the 90% target set for 2009/10 and if no further improvement is made this year, this will move York from 3rd quartile

to low in the bottom quartile of unitary authorities. HASS have investigated reasons for the drop in performance and action is being taken to address the process and reporting issues identified.

10. NPI 141 - Independent living: The number of people achieving independent living in York has increased to 72.6% (from 69.9% in 2008/09 and just 52% in 2007/08). If this trend continues, the 2009/10 LAA target of 70% should be achieved or exceeded.

### Corporate Priorities

11. The information included in this report demonstrates progress on achieving the council's corporate strategy (2007-11) and the priorities set out in it.

### Implications

12. There are no financial, human resources, equalities, legal, crime & disorder, information technology, property or other implications associated with this report.

### Risk Management

13. There are no risks associated with this report.

### Recommendations

14. As this report is for information only, there are no recommendations.

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

**All**

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### Background Papers

**First Performance and Financial Report for 2009/10, Executive 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009**

### Annexes

None