

Appendix 1 – Adult Services

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Table 1: Adult Services as at the end of December 2023 (Month 9)

- 2023/24 net budget £185.5m, projected adverse variance £14.9m, no movement from month seven.
- 2022/23 net budget £160.7m, outturn adverse variance £15.4m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 9 Variance £m	A/(F)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 7 £m
Adult Social Care Operations								
Physical Disability/Sensory Loss/65 Plus								
PD/SL/65P Residential & Nursing	76.5	(18.5)	58.0	58.9	0.9	A	Red	0.0
Home Care	30.5	(2.3)	28.2	31.0	2.8	A	Red	0.0
Direct Payments	14.8	(2.3)	12.5	14.2	1.7	A	Red	0.0
Staffing Costs	14.3	(1.9)	12.4	11.4	(1.0)	(F)	Green	0.0
Transport, Daycare & Other	4.7	(1.6)	3.1	4.0	0.9	A	Red	0.0
sub total	140.8	(26.6)	114.2	119.5	5.3	A	Red	0.0
Mental Health								
MH Residential & Nursing	17.2	(2.5)	14.7	14.6	(0.1)	(F)	Green	0.0
Home Care/Supported Living	7.7	(2.0)	5.7	6.9	1.2	A	Red	0.0
Staffing/Deprivation of Liberty, Safeguards	1.5	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	-	Green	0.0
Direct Payments, Day Care & Transport	1.9	(0.1)	1.8	1.7	(0.1)	(F)	Green	0.0
sub total	28.3	(4.6)	23.7	24.7	1.0	A	Red	0.0
Learning Disabilities								
LD Residential & Nursing	25.4	(1.6)	23.8	25.3	1.5	A	Red	0.0
Supported Living/Home Care	34.9	(1.3)	33.6	38.4	4.8	A	Red	0.0
Direct Payments/In Control	12.7	(2.0)	10.7	9.7	(1.0)	(F)	Green	0.0
Day Care	6.4	0.0	6.4	6.9	0.5	A	Red	0.0
Discovery	31.6	(1.1)	30.5	30.9	0.4	A	Red	0.0
Transport, Shared Lives & Other	3.3	(0.9)	2.4	2.6	0.2	A	Red	0.0
Central & Salaries	2.4	0.0	2.4	3.5	1.1	A	Red	0.0
sub total	116.7	(6.9)	109.8	117.3	7.5	A	Red	0.0
Adult Social Care Commissioning								
Commissioning	6.7	(68.9)	(62.2)	(61.1)	1.1	A	Red	0.0
sub total	6.7	(68.9)	(62.2)	(61.1)	1.1	A	Red	0.0
Total	292.5	(107.0)	185.5	200.4	14.9	A	Red	0.0

Adult Services - key explanations, actions & mitigating controls

Adult Services overspend is £24.2m due to increase in both fee levels for care home placements and delivery of home care, offset by a number of in year mitigations to reduce it to £14.9m.

Since 2020/21 we have seen an increase of 41% in residential placements and this significant increase can be seen across all care home placement types. In October 2022, the unmet needs list was around 150 people waiting for homecare, the number current waiting for over 7 days is zero, this increased in delivery is now showing as a full year effect in the table above.

To offset the overspend a number of in year mitigations and funding have been identified including the market sustainability funding - workforce grant of £3.8m, in year mitigations of £3m including reviewing all 1:1 with a view to reducing hours required and £2.5m NHS monies.

Adult Social Care - Physical Disability/Sensory Loss/65 Plus

This area of Adult Services is currently projecting to be £5.3m overspent. As in previous years, we continue to see pressure within residential and nursing placements, with pressure on the weekly costs, as well as the number of people receiving support. Historically the authority has paid low fee rates within this sector. The increase in fee levels for 23/24 are still not stabilising the market, due to the increase in inflation and cost of living.

There continue to be a number of interim placements as the service works with the NHS trusts to ensure a timely discharge for people from hospital. These placements are currently projected to cost £1.8m.

We continue to deliver more homecare, to allow people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible to help reduce the overreliance on beds, as well as it being the best place for them. This has led to reported overspends of £2.8m for home care. As we continue to offer choice and have a varied market that includes micro-providers, we have seen an increase in the use of direct payments, resulting in a projected overspend of £1.7m.

Mental Health

This budget includes individuals who have a diagnosis of dementia. The budget continues to be an area of growth for the past few years, and this has continued in 2023/24. We are currently projecting an overspend of £1m mainly within home care and supported living. Residential and nursing continues to be a pressure for the service due to a combination of increasing numbers and high unit costs.

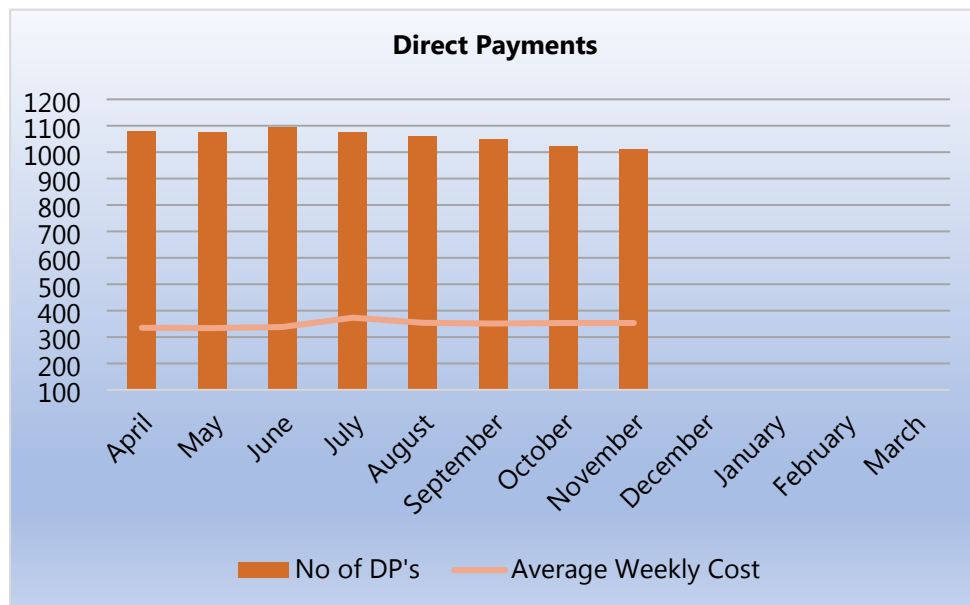
Learning Disabilities

Overall, the cost of Learning Disabilities is projected to overspend by £7.5m. Since outturn we have seen a number of high costs placements come through, either via transitions or due to other forms of funding coming to an end. The main pressure areas continue to be residential and nursing £1.5m, supported living and homecare £4.8m and day care £0.5m due to market sustainability. Supported Living is in the best interest of people but is an area where unit costs can be high.

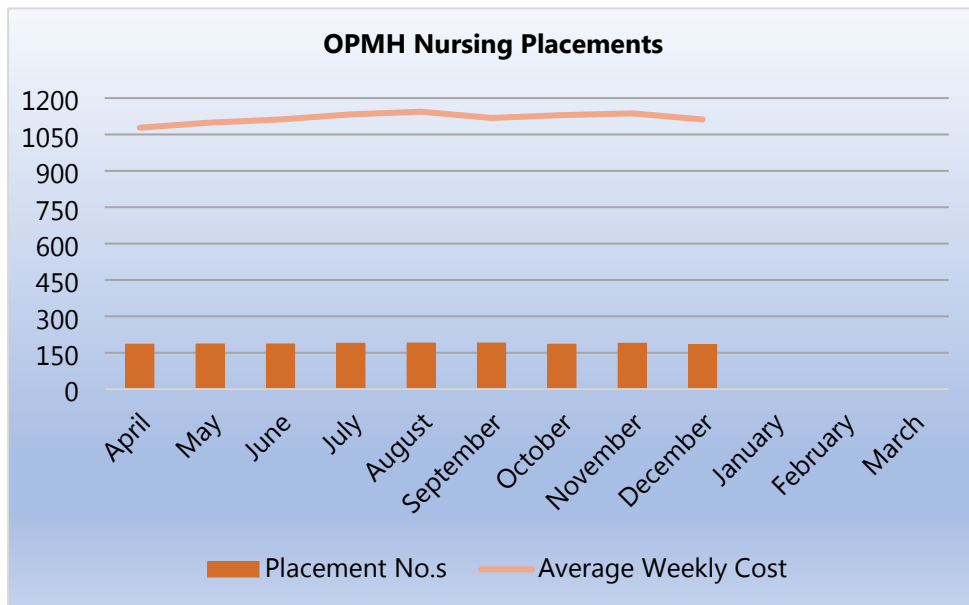
Commissioning

Commissioning is currently projecting to overspend by £1.1m, as the Adult Services' transformation 'my life, my future' will not achieve the full £5m saving.

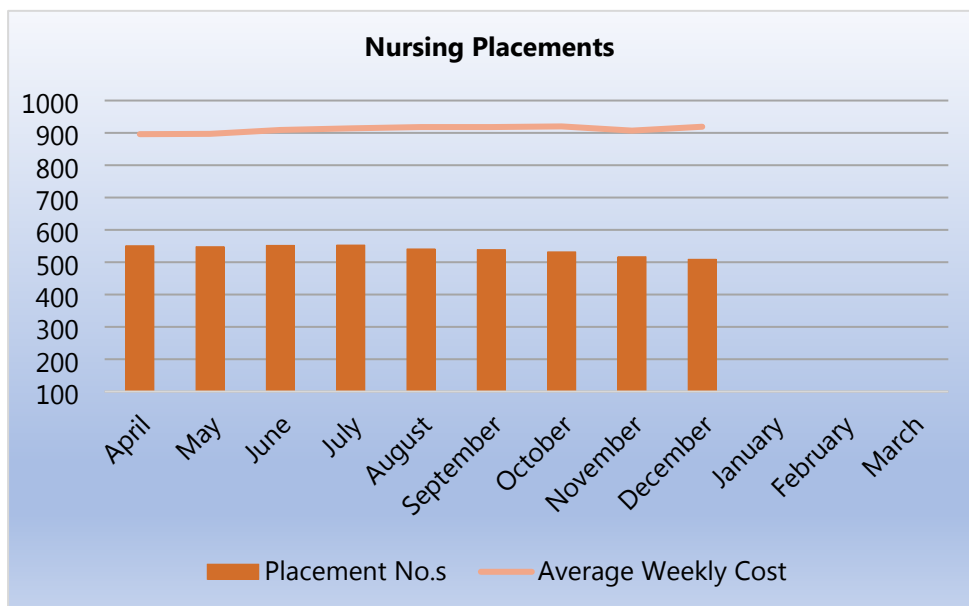
Adult Services - key performance cost drivers



Since the beginning of the financial year, we have seen the number of people receiving a Direct Payment within ASC decrease from 1,077 to 1011 packages. The current weekly average cost of an ASC Direct Payment is £353 per package.



The number of Older People Mental Health (OPMH) Nursing placements has slightly decreased from 185 to 183 placements since April. The current weekly average cost for OPMH Nursing is £1,112 per placement.



Nursing placements decreased by forty-two since April from 551 to 509. The current weekly average cost for Nursing is £919 per placement.

Adult Services - key risks, future issues & opportunities

90% of the ASC budget is spent on individual placements purchased through the market via block and spot placements. Therefore, there is a significant risk that this

budget will continue to overspend. This is due to increased demand, the cost-of-living rise, particularly the increases in petrol, gas, electric, and food.

We have a number of mitigations that are reflected in the financial position above:

- Enhanced Peer Forum – Robust financial and operating challenge
- Reviewing Interim Placements – This review will identify those who should be self-funding/contributing towards their long-term care.
- My life, my future – reduce the overreliance on bed placements and redesign the reablement service.
- Review all high cost/complex placements.
- Review void costs.