



Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod, Executive Director Adult Care and Community Wellbeing

Report to:	Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Date:	28 June 2023
Subject:	Adult Care and Community Wellbeing Financial Position 2022-23

Summary:

This report describes Adult Care and Community Wellbeing's financial performance in 2022-23 and reports on the underspend of £0.715m, identifies and explains variances from the revenue and notes the carry forwards of under spends into 2023-24.

Actions Required:

1. That the Adult Care and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee notes the financial performance in 2022-23
2. That the Adult Care and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee notes the carry forwards, which are made in line with the Council's Financial Regulations

1. Background

We set our spending plans for 2022-23 in the context of increasing costs across the sector arising from the cost-of-living crisis, continued uncertainty about longer term government funding, growing cost pressures from demand led services especially in working age adult services, and the Council's responsibility to pay the National Living Wage.

For the eleventh consecutive year Adult Care and Community Wellbeing (ACCW) has delivered services within its financial envelope.

The commencement of the war in Ukraine saw 1,161 people seek support in Lincolnshire and brought in excess of £11m grant funding. Funding which enabled us to provide services to support our Ukrainian guests. Grant funding was received for each guest and for the families who very kindly opened their homes.

Financial Outturn

The table below shows the financial position, per service, for the period 1 April 2022-31 March 2023.

Service Budget	Budget	Actual	Variance
Adult Frailty & Long-term Conditions	127.147	127.797	0.651
Adult Specialties	94.728	94.689	-0.039
Public Health & Community Wellbeing	29.315	27.897	-1.418
Public Protection	4.220	4.278	0.058
Public Health Grant	-34.847	-34.847	0.000
Better Care Fund	-54.336	-54.303	0.033
Adult Care & Community Wellbeing			-0.715

Adult Frailty, Long Term Conditions, and Infrastructure

The Adult Frailty and Long-term Conditions strategy brings together older people and physical disability services as well as hosting the Directorate budgets for back-office functions in infrastructure budgets.

The financial overspend position is driven by a higher than planned increase in demand for residential care during 2022-23. An additional 150 people were placed in residential care following a needs assessment. The overall number of placements remains lower than before Covid-19. We are forecasting this demand to continue into 2023-24 at a cost of £3.4m. Actions are in train to build on the new services introduced during the later months of 2022-23. These services include additional reablement capacity and the active recovery service. Early performance data indicates people are exiting these services with reduced packages of care.

Specialist Adult Services & Safeguarding

The financial allocation of this delivery strategy supports delivery of services for eligible adults with learning disabilities, autism and/or mental health needs.

Specialist adult services saw continued growth in demand for mental health care coupled with increases in unit cost of care. To minimise the financial impact and better reflect the complexity of an individuals need, an alternative risk share was trialled which resulted in the draw down of £0.30m of non-recurrent support, materially less than the £1.1m forecast.

Public Health and Wellbeing

This financial allocation supports delivery of Adults Public Health services funded by the Public Health Grant and Adult Wellbeing Services. Wellbeing includes community equipment, the wellbeing service and housing related support. Children's public health expenditure is reported within the Children's Directorate.

Public Health and Wellbeing continued to tailor its financial resources to meet the needs of the population as Lincolnshire. Continued maximisation of grant income available to Public Health & Wellbeing, coupled with lower demand for volume-based services than forecast, namely health checks and sexual health services, resulted in the underspend reported.

Better Care Fund

The Lincolnshire Better Care Fund (BCF) is a pooled budget across partners including the Council, Lincolnshire ICB and District Councils. It is overseen by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The BCF for 2022-23 totalled £286m. The BCF pools funds from the organisations to aid the objective of integrated service provision. 2022-23 continued to see a roll-over of the 2021-22 programme with one exception, the introduction of the Discharge Fund in December 2022.

Through the BCF, the two largest investments made with the discharge funding were the active recovery service and investment in adult social care workforce supporting hospital discharge. The funding was an excellent catalyst to change, in particular:

- 298 more care workers employed, 117 more non-care workers employed.
- the active recovery service facilitated timely discharge from hospital at a greatly reduced bed day cost to the NHS and 61% of people returning to their own home post rehabilitation with a reduced social care package of support than was anticipated pre the active recovery service.

The discharge funding has continued for the period 2023-25 with the full BCF plan including the discharge funding going to the Health and Wellbeing Board 13 June 2023 prior to national submission at the end of June.

Public Health Grant

Lincolnshire's Public Health Grant increased by £0.952m in 2022-23 totalling £34.847m. The Public Health Grant was fully spent in 2022-23 across adults and children's services.

Grant Funding

With the start of the Ukraine War, the government commenced the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. Through this scheme the government provided unringfenced funding at a rate of £10,500 per person up to December 2022, reduced to £5,900 from January 2023, to provide support to families to rebuild their lives and fully integrate into communities. During 2022-23 Lincolnshire saw 1,161 guests arrive in the UK. All costs incurred have been supported by the grant funding with the unspent funding carried into 2023-24 to continue to support families as the war continues.

In addition, adults and children's services used the covid-19 grant funding carried forward into 2022-23 to continue to fund the impacts seen as a result of the pandemic. With spends across mental health services and health protection services in the first half of the

year £2.40m of the £2.79m carried forward has been spent and the balance carried forward into 2023-24.

Carry Forwards into 2023-24

Carry forwards relating from specific grants are included in the relevant section above. In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, Directorates can carry forward 1% of their underspend.

With the successful completion of the DeWint Extra Care Housing Scheme in March 2022 and the evidence of demand for additional housing, ACCW propose a revenue to capital transfer of £0.714m to further progress its agenda working with partners to increase the types of housing available across Lincolnshire.

2. Conclusion

For the eleventh consecutive year, Adult Care and Community Wellbeing has delivered within the financial allocation. ACCW medium term financial plan (MTFP) continues to be a critical financial forecasting tool, which underpins the wider council MTFP, providing the earliest indication of potential financial pressures enabling actions to be taken where possible to minimise / mitigate the pressure. The 2022-23 outturn position feeds into the MTFP which is indicating the potential to deliver within the financial allocation for 2023-24.

3. Appendices

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4. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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