

Bury Schools' Forum

Summary Financial Position 2021/22

Department for Children & Young People	Budget	Spend	Variance
	£	£	£
Children's Commissioning	1,465,700	1,468,605	2,905
Early Help & School Readiness	2,606,200	2,797,088	199,888
Education & Skills	17,339,300	18,230,950	891,650
Social Care & Safeguarding	24,014,100	26,054,908	2,040,808
TOTAL CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	45,425,300	48,551,550	3,126,250

The variance in each area is mainly due to:

- **Children's Commissioning £0.003m Overspend**
 - Vacancy covered by Agency
- **Early Help & School Readiness £0.233m overspend**
 - Review of Early Years Block contribution
- **Education & Skills £0.892m overspend**
 - Home to School Transport
 - Home to College Transport
 - SEND Team interim agency capacity
 - CLAS charged to General Fund rather than DSG
 - Unachieved savings targets (Departmental Wide)
 - Bad debt provision (Departmental Wide)
- **Social Care & Safeguarding £2.041m overspend**
 - Safeguarding Team interim agency package
 - Initial Response Team interim agency package
 - Reliance on Agency cover in MASH, CSE, CASS, Safeguarding unit
 - External Legal Fees
 - Residential Placements
 - Independent Foster Agency fees
 - Increase Care Leaver volumes

The final CYP department deficit of £3.126m was achieved through mitigating costs pressures and overspends wherever possible with savings and funding including

- Children's residential placements
- Containing Outbreak Management Funding (COMF)
- Vacancy and Efficiency savings in other service areas
- Increased income contributions from Health and Adult Services

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2021/22**Central DSG**

Deficit brought forward from 2020/21: £21.407m

Central DSG variation

- High Needs Block: £0.062m
 - Central Schools Services Block: (£0.009m)
 - Early Years Block: £0.013m
- Total Variance: £0.066m increase deficit**

Central DSG Deficit carried forward to 2022/23: £21.473m

The deficit recovery is subject to the formal Safety Valve agreement with the DfE.

Note:

Early Years Block was affected by an in-year reduction of funding circa £0.655m and is subject to review in line with actual participation for early years education and headcount data.

Early Years SEN and Inclusion volumes and associated cost pressures, which are not funded from the High Needs Block and therefore not currently subject to the Programme Safety Valve workstreams, have been identified as a risk and are included in the overall SEND Transformation review priorities to address.

See Programme Safety Valve update for further information on High Needs

Schools Block

For Maintained Schools only the final outturn for 2021/22 indicates:

Surplus Balance brought forward from 2020/21:	£7,883,461
Surplus Balance carried forward to 2022/23:	£8,358,086
Schools Surplus Balance variation:	£474,625 = 6% increase

See Item 6c for full details on individual schools balances 2021/22.