

Month 12 CYP Department Headlines:**Month 12 Outturn Position**

The CYP final outturn positions is a £2.227m overspend.

The month 12 overspend is analysed by C&YP service area in the table below.

Children & Young People Division	Current Budget (£'000)	Outturn (£'000)	Month 12 Variance (£'000)
Learning - Non Schools	6,335	6,015	-319
Early Help & School Readiness	980	824	-156
Childcare & Extended Services	517	518	1
Safeguarding & Young People's Services	4,254	4,705	451
Family Support Services	2,059	1,927	-132
Children Looked After	14,867	14,753	-113
Youth Justice	17	6	-11
Services for Young People	261	260	-1
Quality Assurance	1,255	1,247	-8
Other Management Costs	672	3,008	2,336
Strategy & Commissioning	1,875	1,918	43
Departmental Wide	6,881	6,886	5
GM Transformation & Innovations	0	0	0
Libraries	1,563	1,696	133
Total	31,857	34,084	2,227

Month 12 Material Variances:

- **Learning Non-Schools** - underspend of (-£0.319m) is largely due to salary savings on the Education Psychology service which is currently under review and unspent funding received in prior years that will be used to offset against the departmental overspend (-£0.29m). There have been underspends on staffing across the school transport services and the 16-19 Team. The School Improvement Service has achieved additional traded service income and salary savings (-£0.110m).
- **Early Help & School Readiness** - underspend of (-£0.156m) due to the GM Innovations funding awarded to support the implementation of the Early Help Stockport Families Model. There were vacant posts within the Locality Teams that were covered by existing staff.
- **Safeguarding & Young People's Services** - overspend of £0.451m, the Safeguarding Teams overspent due to agency staff covering maternity leave/secondments and vacant posts (£0.143m), this is offset by difficulties in recruitment and on the Initial Response Team (-£0.087m) and the Victoria Family Centre (-£0.044m). The overspend on the Higher Lane Building costs has increased pending the relocation (£0.130m) and External Legal Fees has increased due to a number of high cost cases with increases on coroner and barrister fees (£0.202m). From October 2019 the Emergency Duty Team operated as a shared service with Rochdale MBC, historically the service has struggled to recruit permanent staff and has had to rely on agency staff. The shared service team has been fully staffed from December 2019.

- **Family Support Services** - Underspend of (-£0.132m) with savings achieved on the Children with Disabilities Service as the take-up of direct payments and commissioned services were not fully utilised (-£0.044m), the Reach Out Project and Oasis teams were remodelled as part of the restructure leading to a saving (-£0.079m).
- **Children Looked After** – Underspend of (-£0.113m). During 2019-20 CYP was allocated £0.885m of Social Care Support funding, this was directed to the Residential, Independent Foster Agency and Care Leaver Support costs, the overspend reported at month 12 across these 3 services stands at £0.044m. There is also pressure on the Supported Lodgings budget (£0.043m) and the HEN project (£0.021m) as the number of young people being placed in semi-independent increases.

Services that achieved savings in the year are CASS, Fostering Team, CAMHS and the Family Support Team due to vacancies during the year (-£0.139m), as well as Support at Home and Short Breaks services that underspent as the call on the services was lower than budget (-£0.45m).

The Adoption Service underspent (-£0.038m) with savings on salary costs, adoption allowances and a number of adoptions outside of the RAA arrangements did not go ahead before the end of March 2020.

The Home Office has agreed funding for a most of the UASC cases, a number of the young people are in cheaper supported lodgings placements, the saving was be used to support the Social Worker costs of staff that support the young people, mainly on CASS and IRT.

- **Other Management Costs** - overspend of £2.334m – The unallocated/unachieved savings for 2019-20 remained at £2.026m, there were also additional costs relating to the mutual settlements for 2 staff in Finance and the agency costs for the AD Learning. The residual pensions overspent due to the 2019-20 budget cut.
- **Libraries** -overspend of £0.133m – The ongoing budget pressures include increased business rates, payments to joint authorities, building maintenance costs and increased utility costs.

2019-20 Call on Reserves

- During 2019-20 CYP has drawn down £0.130m from long term provisions to fund building adaptations to ensure the ongoing care of a large sibling group placed with an in-house foster carer and to facilitate the adoption of a sibling with an existing adoptive family.
- A further £0.025m is required from long term provisions to fund adaptation work required for another adoptive family.
- Troubled Families/SCIL will be utilising £0.457m of the Reform Investment funding reserve.
- £0.056m of the Controlling Migration Fund reserve is required to fund the Approved Mental Health Practitioner who supports UASC cases.
- The Library Service will use £0.059m of the Premises reserve to contribute to the costs of the refurbishment work at Radcliffe Library.

Severance Costs

- A total of £0.184m has been paid in severance payments across the Children and Young People's department. The costs are of a one-off nature to facilitate the ongoing departmental savings.

Savings/Pressures**2019/20 Savings Programme**

The 2019/20 CYP savings programmes achieved or partially their respective targets:

- The Business Support Functions and Traded Service reviews have exceeded the targeted savings of £0.188m by £0.012m.
- The departmental restructure will achieved savings of £0.753m in this financial year against the target of £1.480m, the full year effect of £1.129m will be achieved in 2020-21. The shortfall is mitigated by delays in filling new or vacant posts in the new structure (£0.237).

The following were highlighted as high risk and likely to be delayed:

- The Pensions Liabilities remain at the same level as previous years, there has been very little reduction in the costs, the saving of £0.150m was not met this year. The 2020-21 budget has been restored to the previous year's level reducing the departmental budget pressure next year.
- Delays in relocating from Higher Lane has meant that the saving (£0.090m) was not achieved this year. The building costs approximately £0.130m per year to run.
- Procurement & Contract Reviews (£0.150m) and Transformation of Children's Social Care (£0.740m) are cost avoidance as opposed to budget savings.

Historical Savings/Pressures

- There is currently £0.105m of unachieved historical savings/pressures adversely impacting the month 12 position.