OVERVIEW - BUDGET POSITION 2019/20

This is the second summary report which presents the overview of financial performance for all Integration Authorities (IAs) for quarter 2 of the financial year 2019/20. The position in respect of the NHS Highland Lead Agency arrangement is also included. The total budget for health and social care services at quarter 2 is £9,349m. This is an increase of £112m (1%) from £9,237m at quarter 1 as follows:

- 26 IAs reported an increase of £3.8m in the set-aside budget which now totals £816m.
- The NHS non-set aside budget increased by £99m to £5,708m.
- The local authority budget increased by £2.5m to £2,789m.
- The use of reserves increased by £7m to £36m.

FINANCIAL VARIANCES 2019/20 – YEAR-END OUTTURN AND YEAR TO DATE

IAs have different reporting approaches. At this stage of the financial year, 28 IAs report projected outturns for the year-end and 3 IAs report year to date (second quarter) positions.

Of the 28 IAs, representing £8,116m of the total budget, a year end overspend of £66.4m is projected. Projected outturns across these IAs vary as follows:

- 23 IAs are projecting overspends totalling £82.9m
- 1 IA is projecting a break-even position
- 4 IAs are projecting underspends totalling £16.5m

This is the position before additional financial support from partners, the impact of financial recovery plans and the further use of reserves is taken into consideration.

Year to Date Cost Pressures - £2.8m

- Demographics (£2.8m), staffing pressures (£2.2m) and non delivery of savings (£0.6m)
- Net underspends (£2.8m)

Of the 3 IAs, representing £1,233m of the total budget, a year to date overspend of £2.8m is reported at the end of quarter 2. The year to date positions across these IAs vary as follows:

- 2 IAs are reporting overspends totalling £3.4m
- 1 IA is reporting an underspend of £0.6m
SIGNIFICANT FACTORS 2019/20

The factors contributing to the variances reported by IAs are detailed on the schedule which accompanies this covering report.

The key highlights, which were reported at quarter 1, remain relevant and are summarised as follows:

- the challenge to deliver savings, in particular planned reductions in services not materialising due to increased demand being experienced
- increased activity of acute services
- additional demand for services and the increasing complexity of health and social care needs across older people, adult and children’s services
- the timeline to implement new models of service delivery taking longer than originally anticipated
- ongoing challenges associated with identifying further cost reduction and savings opportunities
- prescribing cost pressures; and
- staffing costs including the cost of locums.

As part of their financial strategies, 14 IAs are relying on the planned use of reserves totalling £36m at this stage of the financial year. As reported previously, the increase in costs is partly offset by underspends as a result of staff vacancies and slippage in the implementation of new funding. Both of these provide non-recurring financial relief.

Work continues to be progressed to develop the set-aside monitoring arrangements.

IMPACT ON FUNDING 2019/20

It is currently estimated that the projected overspend totalling £69.2m will be addressed as follows:

- Anticipated additional funding from NHS Boards £28.8m
- Anticipated additional funding from Local Authorities £6.8m
- Agreed financial recovery plan with no impact for partners £12.8m

The funding impact of £20.8m remains ‘not yet determined’ or has still to be publicly reported in respect of 12 IAs.

A total of 4 IAs remain in repayment arrangements with partners (£14.7m).

UPDATE ON RESERVES

The IA’s reserves have reduced by £3.2m at quarter 2 to £110m (Earmarked £77m; Contingency £33m). The contingency reserve continues to represent 0.4% of the total financial envelope of £9,349m. 8 IAs do not have a reserve. 6 IAs do not have a contingency reserve. 1 IA has a negative reserve. For 16 IAs, the contingency reserves range from 0.03% to 3.8% of their available funding.

FUTURE REPORTS

IA’s will continue to standardise presentation.