

Social Care and Health Scrutiny and Performance Panel Agenda Item No. 8c

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Integrated Community Equipment Store (Ices) Pooled Budget – 2009/10 First Quarter Forecast

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Councillor McCracken – Health, Social Care & Inclusion

Summary of report:

This report shows the 2009/10 financial outturn forecast for the pooled budget within the remit of this panel based on the first 3 months of the financial year. A net revenue underspend of £0.042m is predicted.

Background papers:

Various financial working papers and report to Partnership Executive Board

Reason for scrutiny:

To provide an update on the 2009/10 financial performance of the pooled budget within the remit of this panel.

Resource and legal considerations:

The budgets were set as part of the council's budget setting process in line with the medium term financial strategy and with the NHS Walsall's Local delivery plan (LDP). The total gross budget for the ICES Pooled Budget for 2009/10 is £1.359m, which is funded by £0.555m from NHS Walsall (41%) and £0.804m by Walsall Council (59%).

Citizen impact:

None directly associated with this report.

Environmental impact:

None directly associated with this report.

Performance management:

Financial performance is considered alongside service targets.

Equality implications:

None directly associated with this report.

Consultation:

Consultation has been undertaken as part of the budget monitoring process with NHS Walsall, The Partnership Boards and senior managers within the services.

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1. OVERALL PROJECTION 2009/10

- 1.1 **Table 1** shows a summary of the actual outturn for the period 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2009 and the estimated position for the ICES pooled budget as at 31 March 2010.

Table 1 – Summary position ICES pooled budget 2009/10

	Budget 2009/10 £m	Profiled Budget £m	Current Outturn £m	Current Var £m	Projected Outturn £m	Projected Var £m
Equipment	0.866	0.216	0.159	-0.057	0.809	-0.057
Non pay	0.129	0.032	0.040	0.008	0.144	0.015
Pay	0.360	0.090	0.098	0.008	0.360	-
Audit Fees	0.004	-	-	-	0.004	-
	1.359	0.338	0.297	-0.041	1.317	-0.042

- 1.2 Although Walsall Council is the accountable body for the ICES pooled budget the operations manager is employed by NHS Walsall and is responsible for spend in liaison with the pooled budget manager. Therefore financial information is provided by NHS Walsall.
- 1.3 The ICES pooled budget for the 2009/10 year is £1.359m. Budget monitoring information received from NHS Walsall shows the actual spend to date as at 30 June 2009 is £0.297m against a profiled budget of £0.338 for the same period. Based upon available information and forecast for the remainder of the financial year, a projected underspend of £0.042m is anticipated at the year end.
- 1.4 The proportion of the underspend applicable to Walsall Council is £0.025m (59% of £0.042m) and is being used to offset expenditure elsewhere within the directorate. This action is due for ratification at the next Partnership Executive Board meeting in line with the Partnership Agreement. As with both the authorities' pooled budgets, partners may agree to carry forwards under and overspends or make use of them in year.