

HEALTH SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

**Agenda
Item No.**

DATE: 22 June 2009

LEARNING DISABILITY POOLED BUDGET DRAFT OUTTURN 2008/2009

Ward(s) All

Portfolios:

Councillor McCracken – Health, Social Care & Inclusion

Summary of report

To inform Health Scrutiny Panel of the projected financial position in relation to the Learning Disability pooled budget for the financial year 2008/2009.

Recommendations

Scrutiny panel are requested to note the report.

Background papers

Partnership Agreement

Audit Working Papers

Minutes of Partnership Executive Board

Reason for scrutiny

To enable scrutiny of the 2008/09 outturn and make any comments or recommendations for future operation of the pooled budget.



Signed:

Chief Finance Officer: James T Walsh

Date: 16 June 2009

Resource and legal considerations

Finance

The budget for the Learning Disability pooled budget was £32.666m in 2008/2009, which is funded by £16.811m from NHS Walsall and £15.885m by Walsall Council. At the end of the financial year the pooled budget is predicted to be £0.695m under spent.

Appendix 1 and **Appendix 2** show the memorandum account and a detailed breakdown of the pooled budget.

The main reasons for the underspend are:

An underspend on NHS Walsall provider services of £0.294m

An underspend on the budget earmarked for campus closures of £0.272m

An underspend in relation to assessment and care management of £0.129m

The underspend has been shared across the two organisations in line with the percentage of their inputs, i.e. 51.46% (£357K) to NHS Walsall and 48.54% to the Local Authority (£338K), which is in accordance with the Partnership Agreement.

It should be noted that the position is subject to audit and final reporting to the Disability Services Partnership Executive Group (PEG) on 31 July 2009

HR

There are no HR implications arising directly from this report

Legal

The arrangement is in accordance with section 75 of the NHS Act 2006.

Citizen impact

The service provides care and opportunities for clients with learning disabilities across the borough.

Environmental impact

None directly associated with this report.

Performance management

Performance management data is included within the resource planning documents.

Equality Implications

Services consider equality issues in setting budgets and delivering services. Irrespective of budgetary pressures the council must fulfil equal opportunities obligations.

Consultation

Final consultation and reporting will be to the Disability Services Partnership Executive Group (PEG) on 31 July 2009

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