

**Children Services 2008/09 Revenue Budget Monitoring as at August 2008**

Variance		Explanation of Year End Position of £276k overspend
£'000    276		
		<b>Schools &amp; Learning</b>
238		The Special Educational Needs Resource Allocation Panel (SENRAP) are currently forecasting a year-end overspend of £409k which has arisen due to an increase in demand for this service. A contribution of £171k to offset this overspend has been earmarked which will reduce the year-end overspend to £238k.
(7)		Primary Behaviour Support North Team are projecting an underspend of £7k due to a vacant post.
(29)		The Hillside Centre for pregnant teenagers and teenage mothers has a higher level of income than budgeted for due to an increase in 'Care to Learn' income.
(72)		Pupil Referral Unit are forecasting an underspend of £72k consisting of increased costs for learning packs to meet demand of £9k and transport costs which will also increase by £20k but this will be offset by anticipated income of £101k by year-end. This will be generated from miscellaneous income including pupil allowance.
(102)		CAMHS are currently forecasting an overspend on staff costs of £28k at year end but it is anticipated that this will be more than offset by an increased level of income resulting in an overall underspend of £102k. Marlborough House has achieved a high level of excellence award for the services they provide, which has resulted in a high level of placements from outside the borough by other authorities. The budget pressure on staff costs has occurred due to the vacancy factor being applied to the budget, which is not achievable, and this pressure will be addressed in the 2009/10 budgets.
7		Increased staff costs £24k due to extra cover required for a suspended Teaching Assistant offset by additional income £17k from SENAT for special educational needs child which will result in an overall overspend of £7k on Riverside.
9		Increased staff costs have also resulted in a budget pressure on Great Western Hospital of £9k.
4		An overspend of £4k also on staff costs has been currently reported within the Secondary Behaviour Support Team but it is anticipated that savings will be made on staff costs due to the retirement of the team leader and recruitment delay of two new support assistant posts which will offset this budget pressure.

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41	The Stratton Education Centre is reporting a budget pressure on staff costs due to temporary cover for a suspended teacher.
42	Home Tuition are currently forecasting an overspend of £42k on staff costs due to high numbers of children receiving home tuition.
360	During September a detailed review of the out of borough placements has highlighted that 10 additional high risk clients are likely to require an out of borough placement. If all 10 children are placed in an out of borough provision then the part year costs will result in an over spend of £560k. We are looking to place 2 children in existing provision within Swindon which, if successful, would reduce the commitment by £100k. We are also looking at contributions from social care and the PCT and again we are confident that this could reduce the spend down by another £100k. However, if these children were placed in residential provision then the ongoing commitment for future years would be in the region of £1m.
(215)	To help contribute to the out of borough provision the directorate has frozen any further expenditure on the schools in challenging circumstances budget. This is not a sustainable option for future years, however it will allow us some time to understand what the outcome of the alternative provision review will mean in terms of stabilising educational support.
<p><b>Finance Overview</b></p> <p>The projected year-end overspend on the Schools Block is £276k.</p> <p>In addition a further budget pressure has been highlighted in Four Year Old's Education due to an increase in the number of children. This budget supports the PVI sector. During the 2008/09-budget setting process schools forum agreed to fund the PVI sector at £3.59 per pupil per hour. This increase will create a pressure of £92k, however, there is a possibility of extra funding from the DSG to offset this as mentioned in the report on Surplus DSG.</p> <p>If the year-end position remains as an overspend this will be deducted from 2009/10 allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).</p>	