

2011/12 Actuals	Division Service Areas	2012/13 Original Budget	2012/13 Latest Approved	2012/13 Outturn	Variation	Notes	Variation Last Reported	Full Year Effect
£		£	£	£	£		£	£
	EDUCATION & CARE SERVICES DEPARTMENT							
124	Adult Social Care							
	AIDS-HIV Service	120	45	36	-9		0	0
32,766	Assessment and Care Management	31,603	32,092	31,979	-113	1	83	989
5,617	Direct Services	4,627	4,244	4,203	-41	2	-28	0
2,241	Learning Disabilities Care Management	2,451	2,551	2,621	70	3	38	0
1,981	Learning Disabilities Day Services	2,050	2,051	1,853	-198	4	-150	0
1,273	Learning Disabilities Housing & Support	1,211	1,259	1,184	-75	5	-23	0
44,002		42,062	42,242	41,876	-366		-80	989
2,519	Operational Housing							
	Housing Needs	2,160	2,549	3,773	1,224	6	653	480
-4	Enabling Activities	-4	-4	-1	3		0	0
-954	Housing Benefits	-1,016	-1,814	-1,815	-1		0	0
1,561		1,140	731	1,957	1,226		653	480
1,487	Strategic and Business Support Service							
	Performance & Information	2,510	2,533	2,077	-456	} 7	-310	0
197	Quality Assurance	188	199	194	-5		-11	0
0	Transforming Social Care	0	0	7	7		13	0
1,684		2,698	2,732	2,278	-454		-308	0
14,174	Children's Social Care							
	Care and Resources	13,125	13,136	13,571	435	} 8	0	300
2,304	Safeguarding and Quality Assurance	1,872	1,768	1,813	45		0	0
2,841	Safeguarding and Care Planning	2,871	2,897	2,836	-61		0	0
2,954	Referral and Assessment	2,991	3,013	2,865	-148		200	200
837	Bromley Youth Support Programme	911	911	818	-93		0	0
23,110		21,770	21,725	21,903	178		200	500
0	Children's Social Care - previous years	0	0	-317	-317	8		0
4,489	Education Division							
	SEN and Inclusion Children's Disability Services	4,258	4,209	4,209	0	9	0	200
443	School Improvement Looked After Children	560	560	393	-167	10	-37	0
4,932		4,818	4,769	4,602	-167		-37	200
2,777	Commissioning							
	Commissioning	3,621	3,951	3,819	-132	11	8	0
15,345	Learning Disabilities Incl PCT Transfer Attrition	17,144	16,858	14,485	-2,373	12	-2,053	0
4,670	Mental Health Services	5,193	5,113	4,618	-495	13	-421	0
3,898	Supporting People	4,052	4,052	3,096	-956	14	-900	0
201	Drugs and Alcohol	254	254	163	-91	15	-96	0
0	PCT Funding (Social Care & Health)	0	0	0	0		0	0
26,891		30,264	30,228	26,181	-4,047		-3,462	0
0	Learning Disabilities Services - previous years	0	0	-429	-429	12	-300	0
102,180	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR ECS DEPT	102,752	102,427	98,051	-4,376		-3,334	2,169
	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT							
728	Environmental Services - Housing							
	Housing Improvement	476	402	180	-222	16	-232	0
280	Housing Enforcement	254	254	242	-12	17	-6	0
1,008	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR ENV SERV DEPT	730	656	422	-234		-238	0
103,188	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE BUDGET FOR THE PORTFOLIO	103,482	103,083	98,473	-4,610		-3,572	2,169
6,580	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	3,987	3,436	3,436	0		2	0
11,582	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	9,047	9,780	9,780	0		0	0
121,350	CARE SERVICES PORTFOLIO TOTAL	116,516	116,299	111,689	-4,610		-3,570	2,169
	MEMORANDUM ITEMS							
	Invest to Save projects: Savings							
	Dementia Investment Plan	(100)	(100)	(50)	50		40	
	PD Investment Plan	(100)	(100)	(17)	83		60	
	LD Investment Plan (re Younger Adults)	(100)	(100)	0	100		100	
	Sub Total Invest to Save projects	(300)	(300)	(67)	233		200	0
	Trading Accounts							
	Trading Account - Performance & Research	0	0	(30)	(30)		(29)	0
	Sub Total Trading Accounts	0	0	(30)	(30)		(29)	0

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**1. Assessment & Care Management - Cr £113k**

The variation can be analysed as follows:-

	£'000
a) Residential/Nursing care and respite for older people	(760)
b) Domiciliary care & direct payments for older people	506
c) Residential and domiciliary care for people with physical disabilities	(28)
d) Community Equipment Service	358
e) Other services for Older people and People with Physical Disabilities	(189)
	<u>(113)</u>

- a) The number of nursing and residential care placements ended the year below budget resulting in an underspend of £760k. Officers have been working during the year to reduce spend in this area with the emphasis on keeping clients in the community or placing in extra care housing. The converse of this however is that expenditure on community based services has increased as detailed below.
- b) There continues to be pressure on the community based budgets for older people, with a final budget overspend of £506k reported in the current year. This is net of approximately £400k of savings achieved early in relation to the retendering of the domiciliary care contracts. The priority is to keep older people in their own homes rather than placed in residential care, especially following discharge from hospital, and this can be seen in the reduced costs of residential and nursing placements above, however this has placed pressure on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets which continue to overspend. Savings being delivered by the reablement team, which continues to support and reable clients and avoid ongoing care costs, have avoided annual costs of approximately £500k, which have been factored into the budgets.
- c) Services for clients with physical disabilities have ended the year with an underspend of £28k. Residential and respite placements were £69k underspent, whilst domiciliary care was overspent by £41k.

Full Year Effects - Older People

Despite services for older people being under budget this year (partly due to savings for 2013/14 achieved early), there is expected to be a full year impact of £1.005m in 2013-14 as a result of savings, demographic changes in older people and additional costs in the new extra care housing schemes which are above the level budgeted for. An Invest to save initiative for dementia was agreed by the Executive in September 2011 and the impact of this will contribute to reducing some of this effect, however officers continue to explore other avenues to reduce these costs.

- d) The Community Equipment Service has moved to a new model of working, with the service having been outsourced. The service is now run on the basis of a sum being charged each time an item is required, together with associated delivery costs, whilst a credit for the item is raised when it is collected, together with associated collection and cleaning costs. Budget monitoring during the year indicated an increasing amount of expenditure with an overspend of £700k being projected early on. Officers identified a substantial increase in use of the service by Health (the service being a joint operation between LBB and Bromley PCT) and entered into discussions with them around an increase in their contribution to the service. An additional £300k was agreed, and the service has outturned at £358k overspend. Officers continue to work to reduce expenditure in this area.
- e) Other services underspent by £189k during the year. This variation can be attributed to SLA's being negotiated at below inflation increases, additional income from Bromley PCT relating to an SLA, some sundry creditor provisions from previous years no longer required and underspends on equipment and day services for people with physical disabilities.

2. Direct Services - Cr £41k

- a) Reablement - The budget for the reablement team has outturned at a minor overspend of £5k.
- b) Carelink - The service has outturned at an underspend of £57k, mainly due to staffing and running costs of the service, offset by an underachievement of income
- c) C.A.R.T's - The projected spend on staffing for the Community Assessment and Rehabilitation team was £9k below budget this year.
- e) Extra Care Housing - The service has overspent by £43k this year. This is due to increased staffing costs, in particular relating to the additional needs of some clients, additional income above budget from client contributions and also loss of income due to a short term increase in void properties in the inhouse service as a result of the new ECH schemes at Regency Court and Sutherland Court opening during the year.
- f) Integrated Community Equipment Store - There was a minor overspend on the service of £8k, prior to the service moving to the new external provider.
- g) Vehicle Operating Account - The service underspent by £31k during the year, analysed as £36k overspend on staffing budgets and £67k underspend on running costs.

3. Learning Disabilities Care Management - Dr £70k

The overspend relates mainly to additional domiciliary care costs of £85k, offset by an underspend on staffing of £15k.

4. Learning Disabilities Day and Respite Services - Cr £198k

The reported underspend is mainly due to staffing costs in the day care service, with the closure of the Bassetts Centre and subsequent reorganisation of staffing. This is offset by an overspend in the respite service, due mainly to the high cost of PCT staff and underachievement of income from clients of other boroughs. With the merger of the respite services and staff all now being employed by Bromley council it is expected that the expenditure going forward on respite services will be contained within budget.

5. Learning Disabilities Housing and Support - Cr £75k

A savings target of £100k was included in the 2012/13 budget for the decommissioning of an LD small home. To date several small homes have been closed, resulting in the achievement of the saving. Budgets for supplies and services and premises running costs have underspent, and there has been an overachievement of income in client contributions resulting in an overall underspend of £75k.

6. Housing Needs - Dr £1,224k

The net overspend of £1,224k comprises:

	£'000
Nightly paid accommodation (B&B) projected overspend	1,183
Use of Housing Grants to mitigate overspend	(443)
Review of provision for rent arrears bad debts	624
Other	(140)
	<u>1,224</u>

Numbers have increased at a net average rate of 6 per month during 2012/13. The full year effect of the 2012/13 overspend is anticipated to be £1.480m in 2013/14. This is net of assumptions on savings arising from existing invest to save initiatives but does not include the impact of welfare reform. £1m growth has been included in the 2013/14 budget so there is a residual pressure of £480k going in to 2013/14. Officers are still looking at various initiatives to bring these costs pressures down.

It is requested to carry forward £85k of former Homelessness Grant for homelessness prevention work and resources to support rent arrears collection. Further detail is contained in Appendix 2.

7. Strategic & Business Support Services - Cr £454k

The underspend of £454k relates to:

	£'000
Social Care Workforce training	(147)
Staffing	(115)
Early achievement of 2013/14 savings	(63)
Underspend on staff advertising and general running expenses	(86)
Overachievement of income	(30)
Other	(13)
	<u>(454)</u>

The savings on Social Care Workforce training partly relate to early achievement of savings required in 2013/14 (recurrent saving) and partly to delayed commissioning of training services in 2012/13 following a strategic workforce learning needs analysis (non-recurrent saving). It is requested that £25k of the underspend is carried forward to 2013/14 to fund training for ECS Commissioning staff in order to underpin the delivery of changes required as the Authority moves towards a commissioning-led authority. More detail on the carry forward is included in Appendix 2.

The underspend on staffing relates mainly to vacant posts, the majority of which have now been filled.

Savings required for the 2013/14 budget from structural change have been partly delivered early resulting in an underspend of £63k in 2012/13.

There is a significant underspend of £86k on departmental running costs, including £19k on staff advertising arising from low levels of recruitment.

The Performance and Research trading account generated £30k income in excess of budget in 2012/13 from services sold to schools.

8. Children's Social Care - Cr £139k

The main areas of under / overspending are:

Staffing - Cr £264k

The final position for the spend on Permanent and Agency staff was an underspend of £171k. Within the service there were pockets of overspends - the front line teams need to remain at full establishment to meet the statutory duties of the Council. However costs were contained by posts that are being held vacant pending reorganisations and early achievement of 2013-14 savings.

Salaries in the Youth Offending team underspent by £93k during 2012-13 whilst restructuring of the service took place.

The Recruitment and Retention package brought in in 2010/11 has been successful in its aim of reducing the overspend within the Social Care teams. The costs of this in 2012-13 was £179k and this was met by underspends in the wider ECHS department.

Placements - Dr £269K

The Placement Budget has had growth of £500k added in 2012-3 to address the high level of overspend in the last 2 financial years. There has been 62% increase nationally in the numbers of children taken into care during this period, and during the last year Bromley itself has seen an increase in the number of placements having to be made. It was expected that expenditure would be over budget, as assumed by the impact of the invest to contain strategy and tight gatekeeping continue to be managed .

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children - Dr £129k

Grant funding has reduced for these clients as the numbers have fallen over the last few years. Leaving Care clients are now below the de minimus level of 25 so no funding will be received. This has resulted in an overspend of £129k in the current year with an ongoing effect in 2013-14.

No Recourse to Public Funds - Dr £193k

The number of people in Bromley with no recourse to public funding continues to increase. As these people have children we have a duty to ensure their safety. The current expenditure is projected to be £300k against a budget of £100k, and this significant cost pressure will continue into 2013-14.

Other - Cr £149k

The net overspends reported above are partly offset by savings and underspends in other areas of the division, as well as the release of prior year provisions that are no longer required. The main areas of underspend include the making of Preventative Payments to support families in their homes (Cr £74k); Section 18 provisions including child care and nursery costs which have been met by other Bromley settings (Bromley Children's Project) (Cr £40k). The department also received the refund of the "up front" set up costs of the Leaving Care pre-paid cards from 2010/11 this year, which totalled Cr £35k.

The balance of the overspend has been offset by sundry creditor provision brought forward from 2011/12 of £317k no longer required.

Full Year Effects - Children's Social Care - Dr £500k

The following areas have been identified as having a substantial impact on the 2013-14 budget:

- (a) Children's Placements - expected to be £200k overspent based on current child numbers.
- (b) Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children - £100k overspend predicted due to numbers being below the level at which grant income can be claimed.
- (c) No Recourse to Public Funds - Currently projecting a £200k full year effect , but this may well be higher due to Welfare reforms.

9. SEN & Inclusion Children's Disability Services - £0k

Although relating to Care Services Portfolio, the Children's Disability Service comes under the responsibility of the Assistant Director of Education.

The main variations can be analysed as follows:

- (a) Short Breaks - Cr £185k - mainly relating to travel and escort costs (Cr £75k), and grants and subscriptions (Cr £74k).
- (b) Hollybank - Cr £20k - The contract amount with Bromley PCT for the running of Hollybank is £20k less than the budget provision.
- (c) Children's Disability Team - Dr £264 - Analysed as staffing (Cr £42k), Placements (Dr £340k), escorts & travel costs (Dr £60k), direct payments (Cr £107k), other (Dr £13k)

The net overspend of £59k has been offset by prior year provisions no longer required, so an outturn of nil is reported.

Full Year Effects - Children with Disabilities Placements - Dr £200k

The trend continues to rise in terms of the number of placements and the costs. Officers continue to work towards limiting placements where possible, providing alternative provision and driving down the costs where necessary. Current predictions estimate a pressure of £200k

10. School Improvement Looked After Children - Cr £167k

The variations can be analysed as follows:

(a) Care Matters - Cr £46k - Underspends in Staffing £6k , Active Involvement £21k and University Support grants of £12k, the latter were funded by Children's Social Care.

(b) Placements - Personal Education Allowances - Cr £31k, relating to educational equipment and personal recreational needs.

(c) Children in Care Education - Cr £90k - Underspend due to vacant ETE worker post, which is being deleted as part of the 2013-14 savings, and an underspend in the Pupil Premium Budget share cost of £66k.

11. Commissioning - Cr £132k

The Commissioning service area includes budgets for Carers, Taxicard and various SLAs as well as staffing and associated budgets for the ECS Department Commissioning Division.

The underspend of £132k comprises several variations, including underspends on staffing (mainly savings from vacant posts), Carers, Taxicard, the direct payments support and payroll contracts and other SLAs. These underspends are partly offset by costs of care home reprovision staffing and the admissions avoidance service.

12. Learning Disabilities Services (including PCT transfer attrition) - Cr £2,373k

Budgets for learning disabilities placements (including supported living and shared lives) underspent by £2,373k in total, of which £631k arises from LD PCT transfer attrition.

The savings arise mainly from commissioning cost efficient placements for some of the ex-PCT reprovision clients, limiting inflationary increases, attrition, Ordinary Residence transfers and delayed / deferred placements compared to previous assumptions.

In addition to the underspend of £2,373k, there is a further, non-recurrent underspend of £429k relating to previous years items. The accounts are closed each year on the basis of the best information available at that point in time and, subsequent to that, additional information has indicated that actual costs are not as high as anticipated when the accounts were closed.

13. Mental Health Services - Cr £495k

The underspend of £495k on Mental Health services comprises:

	£'000
Placements, supported living, direct payments, flexible support etc	-340
Section 75 Agreement with Oxleas NHS Trust:	
- Savings achieved in advance of 2013/14 budget reduction	-75
- Underspend on 2012/13 s75	-22
SLAs - lower than budgeted inflationary increases	-31
Other	-27
	<u>-495</u>

The underspend of £340k on client-related budgets arises partly from the full year effect of client moves during 2011/12 which resulted in more cost effective placements, from increased use of flexible support rather than residential placements and from containing annual contract price increases to providers.

£75k of the underspend relates to early achievement of savings required in 2013/14 on the s75 Agreement with Oxleas NHS Trust for delivery of community mental health services.

14. Supporting People - Cr £956k

There is a final underspend of £956k on Supporting People budgets. This is in addition to the savings required to achieve the savings targets built in to the 2012/13 budget (further £400k reduced funding for sheltered housing and £300k reduced commissioning of Supporting People services).

The £956k underspend relates mainly to savings arising from the gateway review of Supporting People funded tenancy support services, from limiting inflationary increases, from the tendering of mental health flexible support services and from lower than anticipated charges from in-house services. This majority of this represents early achievement of savings required in 2013/14.

15. Drugs and Alcohol Service - Cr £91k

The underspend of £91k is mainly on the core DAT budget, with the major element of the underspend relating to the residential budget (Cr £86k). This arises from a lower number of clients being placed. The DIP Grant and Community Safety Fund allocations were both reduced for 2012/13 (by £7k and £27k respectively) and savings have been made to offset these reductions.

16. Housing Improvement - Cr £222k

There is an overspend within employee costs of £16k, largely due to non-achievement of vacancy factor.

This deficit is partly offset by surplus income of £3k, and a net underspend across running expense budgets of £3k.

There is an underspend on the direct revenue financing contribution of £232k. This is due to additional Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) of £227k being received from the DCLG* in December, and a lower volume of referrals than expected from Occupational Therapy. As a result, no contribution to the capital scheme is required in 2012/13.

*Department for Communities and Local Government

17. Housing Enforcement - Cr £12k

There is an underspend on energy efficiency promotions of £10k, and other minor net variations totalling £2k across the service.

Directors Comments

Significant savings for not just 12/13 but also 13/14 were taken in year, resulting in a £4.6m underspend on the overall budget. Whilst this is obviously pleasing, a number of significant pressures will be taken into the new financial year each with their own risks. Underpinning these pressures are our own demographics through which we see increasing numbers of potential clients in most, if not all, of the groups with which we are required to work.

Major changes are underway in how we procure placement packages, whether in the adoption services, SEN or adult social care. This will create a clearer division between assessment and commissioning, and have a tighter focus on outcomes rather than on the provision of packages or programmes. These, of course, must be seen alongside the other service redesigns that are presently at the implementation stage. There has, then, been a great deal of change in how our services are delivered over the last year, not least with the creation of the new Education, care and health department.

The significant changes made to the profile of operations in assessment and care services including reducing the numbers going into residential and nursing care placements has led to significant underspends in these areas. However, our initial analysis of how we are using the extra care housing schemes does not reflect the modelling that was undertaken last year with the reality being both higher numbers of void properties and more complex clients being placed in the extra care properties than was assumed in the modelling. Taken together, these result in the full year predicted pressures of around £1m. Work is now in place to minimise the voids (unoccupied flats) which make a significant contribution to this issue, and which we will have reduced by around 90% in the first two months of this financial year.

However, the complex nature of our placements in extra care schemes remains a challenge. We are therefore reviewing the model to see if the experience of implementation can help us better understand these pressures, and to identify where adjustments to the cost profile can be made. The move to more robust commissioning of placements discussed above should also help to address this issue.

Until such time as we are certain these budgets are back on track we are looking to cash limit expenditure in these areas.

We continue to develop not just better partnerships with the health sector but also more open and honest ones. No where is this clearer than on the equipment budget. As is common with many similar programmes on outsourcing, the improved access to resources (or perhaps, reduced gatekeeping) meant that in particular acute trust partners did not have to plan so diligently for hospital discharges, overusing the 4 hour option on our new equipment contract. The frank conversations between our staff and partners saw a significant additional contribution from health for this and a commitment to be less reliant on short term call-down of equipment.

Much has been said and discussed about the nightly paid accommodation issue. This is a challenge for all London boroughs where the tariff we receive from central government to support our bed and breakfast clients is significantly below the market rate of accommodation. This is a statutory duty placed on the borough and we strive constantly to find a balance between meeting this duty, and not attracting clients in because we meet this need. The text above refers to the work at Bellegrave which will help control the further pressures on this budget. We have yet to see what impact, if any, there is from the changes to welfare support.

The pressures relating to children's social care are discussed in the text above. Again, we have the unpredictable pressures from welfare reforms, and we would look to report any initial impact from this work at the next meeting.

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

Since the last report to the Executive, waivers were approved as follows:

Adult Social Care

- (a) The following contract waivers were agreed:
- 28 for the continuance of current contracts totalling £1.13m;
 - 10 for the extension of current contracts totalling £2.39m;
 - 5 for new services totalling £697k.

- (b) There were 3 placement waivers agreed for between £50k and £100k.

Children's Social Care

- (a) There was 1 placement waiver agreed for between £50k and £100k.

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to Executive, no virements have been actioned.

Adult & Community Services Carry Forward Requests

Description	Carry Forward Request £'000	Reason for Carry Forward
<u>1. Grants with Condition of Repayment Attached</u>		
Social Care funding via the PCT under s256 Agreements:		
Expenditure:		
Winter Pressures - 2011/12	734	Bromley PCT was allocated £734k in 2011/12 and £808k in 2012/13 for transfer to LBB for investment in social care services which also benefit the health system. The funding is to enable local services to discharge patients from hospital more quickly and provide effective ongoing support for people in their own homes. Expenditure has not been incurred against this funding in both years and it is requested to carry the full amounts forward to 2013/14. If the funding is not spent on agreed priorities there is a right of repayment to the PCT. The funding of £734k has been drawn down, the £808k remains in the contingency.
Winter Pressures - 2012/13	808	
Social Care funding via the PCT - 2010/11	127	In 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 the Department of Health allocated funds for social care services which also support the NHS. This funding has been transferred to Bromley from the PCT under s256 agreements. A number of investment plans have been approved by the Executive and drawn down in to the ECS budget. Spending on these schemes has generally been low, mostly due to delays in implementation. It is requested that £1.272m of the funding drawn down so far is carried forward to 2013/14. If the funding is not spent on agreed priorities there is a right of repayment to the PCT.
Social Care funding via the PCT - 2011/12	538	
Social Care funding via the PCT - 2012/13	607	
Social Care funding via the PCT - 2011/12 & 2012/13 held in the contingency pending draw down (element for which the purpose has not yet been approved by Members)	1,985	£1.985m of the allocations referred to above has not yet been drawn down from the contingency (or approved by Members for spending in future years) and it is similarly requested that this is carried forward, via the contingency, for spending in 2013/14. If the funding is not spent on agreed priorities there is a right of repayment to the PCT.
Income	-4,799	
Net carry forward	<u>0</u>	

2. Grants without Condition of Repayment Attached

Description	Carry Forward Request £'000	Reason for Carry Forward
Learning Disability Campus Closure Grant - expenditure	62	<p>The Department of Health provided grant funding to enable the reprovision of services from the Bassetts Campus site. The reprovision of services for adults with learning disabilities who resided on the Bassetts campus is now complete and the associated transfer of the adult respite service and Community Learning Disability Team (CLDT) has also been achieved. The Bassetts site has been cleared of any learning disability presence although some legacy work remains. The opportunity to utilise the old respite building at 44 Bromley Road is being progressed and involves the permanent move of 5 (ex-campus) adults with learning disabilities from a PCT owned property in the community that is in need of significant refurbishment. In addition, a number of adults with learning disabilities who used to attend day activities at Bassetts now attend the Astley Day Centre. This has increased pressure on LBB's day facilities and alternative arrangements need to be scoped to ensure people's needs are appropriately met.</p> <p>Member approval is requested for the remaining £62k of grant to be carried forward into 2013/14. This will enable the completion of the move of service users to 44 Bromley Road and provide resources to identify and progress the introduction of alternative day activities. The Campus Closure Grant will also be required for costs associated with stakeholder liaison and engagement.</p>
Learning Disability & Health Reform Grant - Healthwatch start-up funding	15	<p>The Healthwatch contract was awarded late in March 2013. On the award of such a contract, where it is key to gain publicity for the service because it is of general public interest, it is usual to hold a launch event. It is proposed to hold a conference which both launches Healthwatch and brings together family and carers of people living in care homes in Bromley. Healthwatch has a clear responsibility to make visits to care homes and we would like to raise the profile of this aspect of their work. The £15k start up money is required to ensure that the event can be set up, funded and delivered appropriately and this is in line with the purpose for which the grant was allocated.</p>
Homelessness Grant - expenditure	35	<p>The grant has been provided to help the authority manage the effects of Housing Benefit (HB) and Local Housing Allowance (LHA) changes. The aim of the grant is to provide support plans and be proactive in early intervention and the prevention of increased levels of homelessness and unnecessary financial hardship for those most affected by the changes, thus minimising costly temporary accommodation placements. Following the allocation of the grant, further changes in legislation set back implementation, with the main changes only starting to take effect in January 2012 and with further changes to be introduced over the next 2 to 3 years. There was no time limitation on the use of this funding and directives clearly explained the assumption that local authorities would roll forward the grant to enable initiatives to run for as long a period as possible to address the benefit changes.</p>

Description	Carry Forward Request £'000	Reason for Carry Forward
Preventing Repossessions Fund - expenditure	75	This funding was allocated by the DCLG in February 2012 to enable local authorities to establish a Preventing Repossessions Fund to help homeowners at risk of mortgage repossession. This funding is a top up to the Mortgage Rescue Grant. Grant levels were based on the data relating to possession proceedings in each area resulting from the current economic situation. Due to the late allocation of the funding, it was not possible to put schemes and processes in place until 2012/13 and the DCLG acknowledge that expenditure will take place in 2012/13 and future years. When the drawdown of this funding from the central contingency was approved by the Executive on 11 April 2012 it was reported that it would be carried forward in full to 2012/13.
LD & Health Reform Grant - Blue Badges - expenditure	134	The total sum allocated for Blue Badges in 2011/12 was £207,000, of which £134,000 was unspent. In 2012/13 funding dropped to £95,000, which covered the staffing of the blue badge service only. The £134k that was carried forward in 2011/12 remains unspent and a request is made to carry this forward to 2013/14. This funding will be utilised to provide additional staff to reduce the current backlog, to within LBB timescales, to provide specialist equipment to improve the assessments and make them more accurate so that the issue of the blue badge is appropriate and able to stand up to challenge, to speed up the process and improve the experience for disabled people in Bromley.
Step Up to Social Work	171	In December 2011 Executive approved the release of the 'Step up to Social Care' funding into the then CYP Budget, to run the 'Step Up to Social Work' programme in partnership with the London Boroughs of Bexley and Lewisham for 2011-12 and 2012-13. The programme is designed to attract high calibre professionals into children's social work. As lead Authority Bromley is responsible for accessing and administering the funding on behalf of the South East London Regional Partnership and received £698k over a two year period for 12-14 candidates. Funding of £233k was received for 2012/13 and £440k for 2012-13. At the end of March 2013 £269k had been spent. A budget carry forward is required to complete the current programme during the first few months of 2013/14.
Troubled Families	258	In September 2012 Executive agreed to a request for an initial draw down of the 2012-13 'Tackling Troubled Families' Grant. The total grant for 2012-13 was £535k and the drawdown request was for £270k. The spend to the end of March 13 was £29k and in part this was off-set by the 2011-12 Earmarked reserve carried forward. The balance remaining of the released grant income is £258k which is required for carry forward to build on the work started in 2012-13.
	265	The balance of the £535k funding that was not requested to be drawn down in 2012-13 of £265k is also requested to be carried to forward This funding was already highlighted in the September 2012 Executive report as being required in 2013-14.
Total underspends to be carried forward	1,015	
Funded by Government Grant Earmarked Reserve	-1,015	

Description	Carry Forward Request £'000	Reason for Carry Forward
Net carry forward	<u>0</u>	
<u>3. Other Carry Forward Requests</u>		
Homelessness former grant (now transferred to general "Local Services Support Grant")	85	<p>Due to the significant increase in the number of households and associated cost of bed and breakfast placements, the carry forward request relates to the enhanced incentives approved in order to try and acquire additional private rented sector units both through our housing initiatives scheme and leasing scheme, both of which will be funded via the carry forward of grant funding. The funding will also contribute to the higher level of prevention and housing advice work and associated schemes in place required to address the current 150% rise in homeless presentations and minimise the current budgetary pressure in relation to B&B placements. The carry forward will contribute to additional resources being put in place by Liberata to address issues around rent arrears collection.</p>
Training for Commissioning	25	<p>As the organisation restructures to become a commissioning-led authority, the Commissioning Division will be at the forefront of those changes and will be working directly with the market to provide much of our core service to residents. It is essential to ensure that key Commissioning staff are equipped with specialist skills necessary to robustly drive through the changes to achieve corporate savings requirements. These skills are in the areas of: market intelligence and benchmarking; provider negotiations; contract management and tendering skills; market development; translating needs into market based solutions; understanding best practice and being alert to risk and ongoing performance management of suppliers.</p> <p>Suitable training has been sourced at an estimated cost of £25k. Given the reductions in training budgets for 2013/14, it is not possible to fund this essential training from next year's budget and it is requested that a carry forward of some of the 2012/13 underspend is approved for this purpose.</p>

Description	2012/13 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2012/13 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2013/14
Residential and Domiciliary care - Older People	19,581	-254	Although currently showing a projected underspend in year ,due mainly to the early achievement of 2013/14 savings in relation to the domiciliary care retendering , a full year effect of £1,005k has been calculated. Residential and nursing placements are currently significantly underspent, however the increased costs of domiciliary care and direct payments and the unanticipated additional costs of the new ECH schemes is resulting in a budget pressure following into 2013/14.
Residential and Domiciliary care - Physical Disabilities	3,475	(28)	The current full year effect is an underspend of £16k for physically disabled services. There is an invest to save initiative currently being undertaken to mitigate any future growth in this area.
Children's Social Care - Placements Children's Social Care - No Recourse to Public Funds Children's Social Care - Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	9,534 100 0	269 193 129	The full year effect of the overspend in 2013/14 is currently calculated at £200k . Officers continue to work towards increasing the number of in-house foster carers so that expensive external placements can be avoided. The full year effect of clients who have no recourse to public funds and Bromley are having to pay for has been calculated at £200k based on current numbers. The Welfare Reform changes currently being implemented may impact on this amount further . Officers will monitor the position and report any changes as part of the budget monitoring process during the year. Grant funding has reduced for these clients as the numbers have fallen over the last few years. Leaving Care clients are now below the de minimus level of 25 so no funding will be received. This has resulted in an overspend of £129k in 2012/13 with an ongoing full year effect in 2013-14 of £100k
Education Division - Childrens Disability Placements	2,775	340	The trend continues to rise in terms of the number of placements and the costs. Officers continue to work towards limiting placements where possible, providing alternative provision and driving down the costs where necessary. Current predictions estimate a pressure of £200k
Housing Needs - Temporary Accommodation (net of HB)	254	525	Numbers have increased at a net average rate of 6 per month during 2012/13. The full year effect of the 2012/13 overspend is anticipated to be £1.480m in 2013/14 . This is net of assumptions on savings arising from existing invest to save initiatives but does not include the impact of welfare reform. £1m growth has been included in the 2013/14 budget so there is a residual pressure of £480k going in to 2013/14. This may be partly mitigated by the new invest to save project at Bellegrave which will deliver another 34 units.

LATEST APPROVED BUDGET 2012/13
Care Services Portfolio

BUDGET VARIATIONS

	£'000
2012/13 Original Budget	116,514
Support services recharge adjustment for Appointeeship (from Corporate)	124
NHS Social Care Investment Plan (Exec 25/5/12):	
- expenditure	73
- income	Cr 73
Children's Social Care Invest to Contain Proposal (Exec 20/6/12):	
- expenditure	51
- income	Cr 51
<u>2011/12 Carry Forwards agreed by Executive 20/06/12:</u>	
Social Care Reform Grant	139
Joint Improvement Programme	6
Grant income carried forward	Cr 145
Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	33
Grant income carried forward	Cr 33
Homelessness Grant 10/11	120
Overcrowding Pathfinder	45
Mortgage Rescue Fund	23
Preventing Repossessions Fund	147
DWP Grant Discretionary Housing Payment	44
Contribution from Earmarked Reserves	Cr 380
L D & Health Reform Grant - Blue Badges	134
Contribution from Earmarked Reserves	Cr 134
Homelessness Grant	60
Homelessness Grant	158
Housing Invest to Save	170
LD Campus Closure Grant 2010/11	105
Contribution from Earmarked Reserves	Cr 105
Social Care funding via the PCT under s256 Agreements:	0
- Winter pressures	734
- Social Care funding via the PCT 2010/11	127
- Social Care funding via the PCT 2011/12	581
- Social Care funding via the PCT 2011/12	581
- s256 income carried forward	Cr 1,442
Agreed by Executive 14th December 2011	
Step Up to Social Work Programme	
- grant related expenditure 2012/13	465
- grant related income 2012/13	Cr 465
<u>Agreed by Executive 12th September 2012</u>	
Tackling Troubled Families Grant	
- grant related expenditure 2012/13	270
- grant related income 2012/13	Cr 270
<u>Agreed by Finance Director 12th November 2012</u>	
Newly Qualified Social Worker Grant	
- grant related expenditure 2012/13	20
- grant related income 2012/13	Cr 20
Inbucon pay award for 2011/12	23
<u>2012/13 Budget Adjustments</u>	
Posts transferred to / from Commissioning to / from Children's / Education	Cr 6
Posts transferred between Care Services & Education Portfolios	30
0.25fte for additional AP processing for ICES retail prescription invoices	Cr 6
IT maintenance budget transferred from Strategy to Environmental Services	Cr 20
Rent income adjustment (from Corporate)	20
Housing Benefits - release of prior year provisions	Cr 747
Transfer of post from Short Breaks to SEN	Cr 10
Total Variations	Cr 204
<u>Variations on Capital charges etc.</u>	
Capital Charges	Cr 2,718
Insurance	2
Rent Income	3
Repairs & Maintenance	Cr 97
IAS19 (FRS17)	2,239
Excluded Recharges	560
Total Variations on Capital charges etc.	Cr 11
2012/13 Latest Approved Budget	116,299