

**Question: CQ16.01**

**Cabinet – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Re: Agenda item 16 – Period 2 (May) Finance Report**

**Question submitted by: Councillor Clive Stevens**

I'm impressed that our Finance team have been able to split the risk of overspends into Covid vs non-Covid caused. That must have taken a lot of work and some assumptions. I can understand why it's important for holding departments to account and justifying claims to Government. Regarding assumptions, I see the Adult Social Care (ASC) non-Covid overspend risk is flagged up at £7.3m whereas the Covid impact is estimated at £19.3m.

In a situation where (anecdotally I hear) new service users were delaying going into care homes for as long as possible (which might have saved BCC money), I wonder would that be a Covid related saving or a non-Covid related.

**So my question is: whether the Finance Team could document the big (say £1m+) assumptions made to divide the ASC variances between Covid and non-Covid?**