

# Appendix A3 – Children & Education

## 2023/24 – P5 Budget Monitor Report

### Section A: Revenue Budget Monitor

	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Outturn Variance
P05	£110.0m	£121.5m	£11.5m overspend
P02	£110.4m	£110.4m	£0.0m

May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
0.0	12.2	12.1	11.5						
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### Position by Division

Period 5/ Quarter 2 - Summary	Approved budget	Revised Budget	Q2/P5 Forecast	Q1/P2 variance	P3/P4 variance	Q2/P5 variance	Total Variance	Total Variance %
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	
<b>9 - Children &amp; Education</b>								
15 - Children and Families Services	89,051	88,241	95,771	0	7,980	(450)	7,530	8.5%
16 - Educational Improvement	21,644	21,762	25,753	0	4,091	(100)	3,991	18.3%
18 - Transformation – Our Families Programme	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total 9 - Children &amp; Education</b>	<b>110,695</b>	<b>110,003</b>	<b>121,524</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,071</b>	<b>(550)</b>	<b>11,521</b>	<b>10.5%</b>

## Key Messages:

Children and Education directorate is forecasting £11.5m adverse variance, at Period 5, on a budget of £110.0m.

### Children & Families: £7.5m pressure

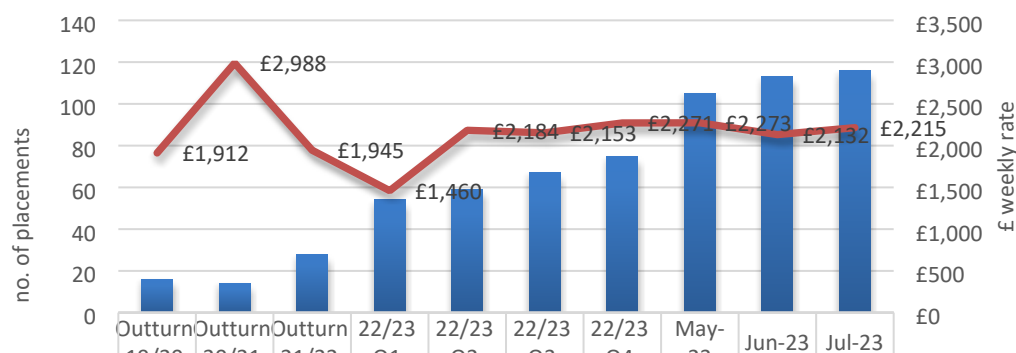
The forecast pressure is primarily in the placements budget which has seen an increasing number of very high-cost placements and continued reliance on External Supported accommodation (ESA).

The table below provides further detail on the forecast pressure.

	Revised Budget 2023/24 £000s	P05 Forecast £000s	Variance £000s	Change from last month £000s
<b>Placements</b>				
External Supported Accommodation	5,448	12,327	6,879	290
In House Fostering	6,606	6,118	(489)	(137)
Independent Fostering Agencies	6,775	7,294	519	20
Inhouse Supported Accommodation	99	24	(75)	(1)
RO & SGO	5,683	5,795	112	(58)
Out Of Authority - Placements	15,770	18,408	2,639	1,079
Parent & Baby Unit - Citywide	571	696	126	237
Secure	148	5	(143)	0
Children's Homes	4,093	3,506	(586)	237
Post Adoption	381	248	(133)	(49)
<b>Total placements</b>	<b>45,573</b>	<b>54,422</b>	<b>8,849</b>	<b>1,618</b>
Other non-placement related budgets	42,668	41,350	(1,318)	(2,067)
<b>Total Children &amp; Families</b>	<b>88,241</b>	<b>95,772</b>	<b>7,530</b>	<b>(449)</b>

There has been a significant increase in the number of ESA placements this year as represented in the chart below. This cost of ESA provision is estimated to be £12m this year, a 38% increase on last year.

## External Supported Accommodation



External supported accommodation - average no. of placements	16	14	28	54	59	67	75	105	113	116
External supported accommodation - average net weekly cost	£1,912	£2,988	£1,945	£1,460	£2,184	£2,153	£2,271	£2,273	£2,132	£2,215

### Education Improvement: £4.0m pressure

The Educational Improvement Service is forecasting an adverse variance of £4.0m (18.3%) on a revised budget of £21.8m. This pressure is because of the increasing number of children with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) requiring transport to school and the growing number reliant on having to travel longer distances from home.

	Revised Budget 2023/24 £000s	P05 Forecast £000s	Variance £000s	Change from last month £000s
<b>Education Improvement</b>				
Learning City for All	713	680	(33)	(3)
Education Management	4,977	4,512	(464)	(59)
Additional Learning Needs	11,048	15,051	4,003	(0)
Employment, Skills & Learning	679	665	(15)	(1)
Trading with Schools	(406)	(112)	294	30
Schools PFI	0	0	0	0
Inclusive City	617	617	0	(44)
Accessible City	4,135	4,340	205	(25)
<b>Total Education Improvement</b>	<b>21,762</b>	<b>25,752</b>	<b>3,990</b>	<b>(101)</b>

The service saw a 50% increase in the number of routes to schools outside the local area in April 2023, compared to the same period last year.

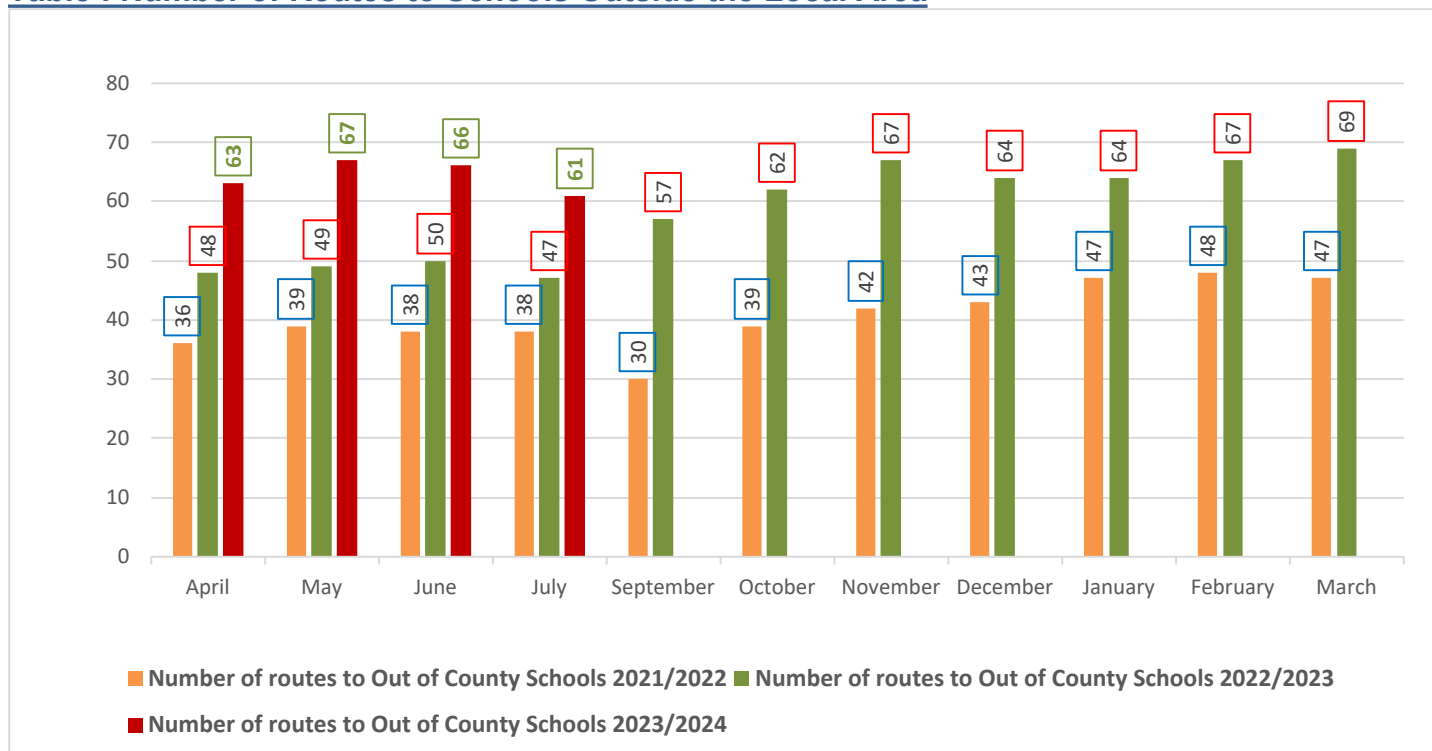
The number of children and young people with EHC plans increased to 517,000, as at census day in January 2023, up by 9% from 2022. In the 2022 calendar year, 66,400 new EHC plans were made,

up by 7% from the previous year. The number of new EHC plans has increased each year since their introduction.

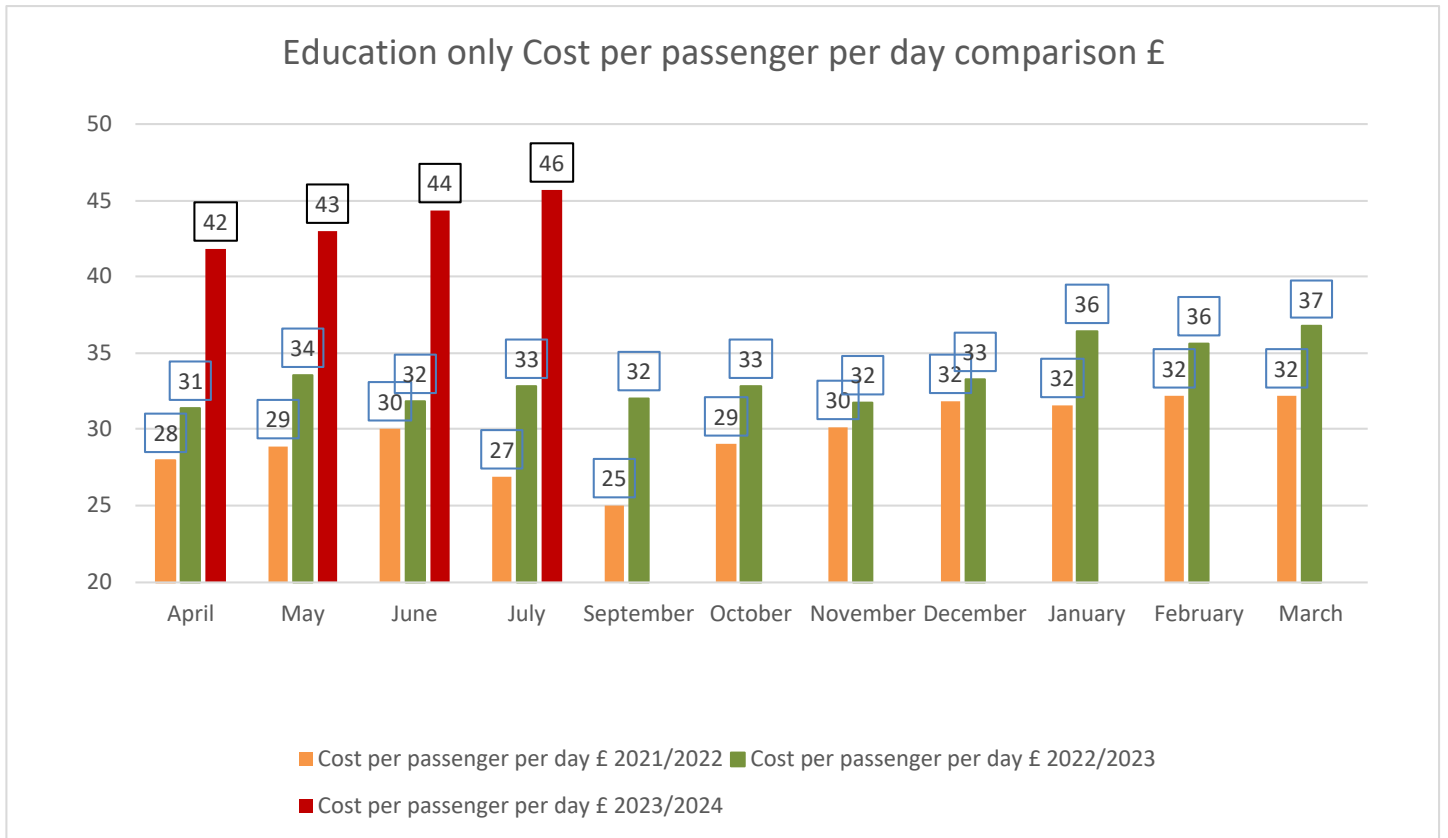
School sufficiency has been a major driver in decreased capacity within the service to handle EHCPs. With lower capacity in schools, and mainstream schools driving for Children and Young people (CYP) to attend special schools, the pressure of funding places for CYP falls on the Local Authority service.

The demand for Home to School Travel is growing as a direct link between the number of CYP with an EHCP and travel support. Lack of capacity within the local area results in increasing number of routes the authority thereby increasing Home to School Travel costs

**Table : Number of Routes to Schools Outside the Local Area**



**Table: Per Passenger Per Day Education Cost**



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# Savings Delivery

23/24 Children & Families Directorate Savings Target (£'000s):							3,160		
	This month			Last month			Top 5 largest savings at risk in year (ordered by size of saving at risk)		
	Total value of savings (£'000s)	Value at risk (£'000s)	Proportion at risk	Total value of savings (£'000s)	Value at risk (£'000s)	Proportion at risk	ID	Name of Proposal	Value at Risk in 24/25 (£'000)
No - savings are at risk	635	656	103%	650	671	103%	NEW2223_CF6b	Review special guardianship order arrangements	£ 584
Yes - savings are safe	2,525	0	0%	2,510	0	0%	2324-P13	Keeping Families Together/Family Network	£ 60
SAVING CLOSED - CONFIRMED AS 'SECURED & DELIVERED'	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	NEW2223_E2	Introduce nominal charge for first referrals for attendance penalty notices	£ 12
NO RAG PROVIDED	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,160</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>3,160</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>21%</b>			
Represents increased cost rather than saving	-432	0	0%	-432	0	0	Mitigated savings from previous years' that remain 'due' for delivery this year (£m)		
n/a - represents last year's saving was due one off only	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	Amount due from previous year(s):		£ 0.14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>25%</b>	Amount reported at risk:		£ 0.11
n/a - represents a saving was mitigated last year	-144			-144					
WRITTEN OFF	0			0					
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,584</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>2,584</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>26%</b>			
<b>Key Changes since last month</b>									
1. 2324 P-17 Early Years: Family Information Website - full £15k in-year saving has been marked as safe in P5.									

## Section B: Risks and Opportunities

### Children & Families

Divisor	Service	Risk or Opportunity	Description of Impact	Risk (Opportunity) £'000	Likelihood	Net Risk (Opportunity) £'000
15	Placements	Risk	Forecast mostly based on steady state. Estimated additional risk from pattern and trends	5,000	60%	3,000
15	Placements	Opportunity	Potential mitigations: Forecast mostly based on steady state. Estimated additional risk from pattern and trends	(5,000)	61%	(3,060)
15	Savings delivery	Risk	Risks of some delivery slipping into future years identified on savings tracker. Further risk on delivery of management/workforce and change targets	559	85%	475
15	Placements	Opportunity	Mitigations identified to manage placement costs	(1,500)	60%	(900)
15	Children	Risk	Risks flagged with in year mitigations identified in P4	450	60%	270
15	Educational Improvement	Risk	Risks flagged with in year mitigations identified in P4	100	60%	60
16	Savings delivery	Risk	Home To School Transport Costs	368	42%	155
<b>Total - Children and Education</b>				<b>(23)</b>		<b>(0)</b>

## Section C: Capital

<b>Approved Budget</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure to Date</b>	<b>Forecast Outturn</b>	<b>Outturn Variance</b>
<b>£31.4m</b>	<b>£31.4m</b>	<b>£4.9m</b> 16% of Budget	<b>£21.1m</b> 67% of Budget	<b>(£10.3m)</b>

### Gross Expenditure by Programme

Ref	Scheme	Current Year (FY2023) - Period 5				Performance to budget	
		Budget	Expenditure to Date	Forecast	Variance	Expenditure to date	Forecast
		£000s				%	
<b>Children &amp; Education</b>							
CRF2	South Bristol Youth Zone	5,786	106	5,786	0	2%	100%
PE01	School Organisation/ Children's Services Capital Programme	11,785	982	5,869	(5,916)	8%	50%
PE02	Schools Organisation/SEN Investment Programme	10,178	3,477	6,227	(3,951)	34%	61%
PE03	Schools Devolved Capital Programme	1,330	279	923	(407)	21%	69%
PE05	Children & Families - Aids and Adaptations	110	0	127	17	0%	116%
PE06	Children Social Care Services	2,232	66	2,232	0	3%	100%
<b>Total Children &amp; Education</b>		<b>31,421</b>	<b>4,909</b>	<b>21,164</b>	<b>(10,257)</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>67%</b>

### Key Messages:

#### PE01 – Schools Organisation / Childrens Services (variance £5.9m)

This programme budget is to be reprofiled. The re-profiling of projects within this programme primarily relates to main-stream schools that are managed by the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) provider / operator with any works to these schools being carried out by the PFI provider as per the PFI agreement. Works have begun later than first anticipated with project forecasts being significantly impacted.

#### PE02 – Schools Organisation / SEN Investment Programme (variance £4.0m)

This programme budget is also to be reprofiled. The programme has numerous projects that have encountered technical, planning and procurement challenges reported by the project team.

The above two programmes are included in the council's top 10 programmes for re-profiling (Appendix A1b).