

# Appendix A3 – Children & Education

## 2023/24 – P7 Budget Monitor Report

### Section A: Revenue Budget Monitor

	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Outturn Variance
P07	£110.0m	£127.3m	£17.3m overspend
P06	£110.0m	£121.5m	£11.5m overspend

May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
0.0	12.2	12.1	11.5	11.5	17.3				
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### Position by Division

Period 7 - Forecast Revenue Outturn Summary	Approved Budget	Revised Budget	P7 Forecast	Total Variance	Total Variance %
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	
<b>9 - Children &amp; Education</b>					
15 - Children and Families Services	89,051	88,241	100,313	12,072	13.7%
16 - Educational Improvement	21,644	21,762	26,999	5,236	24.1%
1B - Transformation – Our Families Programme	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total 9 - Children &amp; Education</b>	<b>110,695</b>	<b>110,003</b>	<b>127,312</b>	<b>17,308</b>	<b>15.7%</b>

## Key Messages:

Children and Education directorate is forecasting £17.3m adverse variance at Period 7 on a budget of £110.0m.

### Children & Families: £12.1m pressure

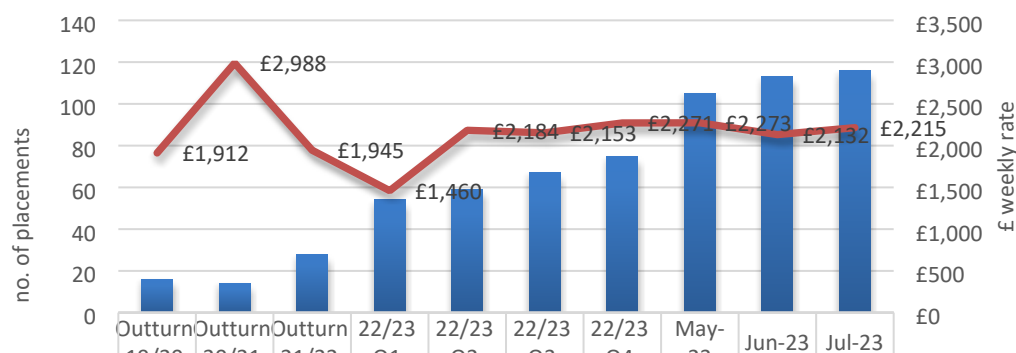
The forecast pressure is primarily in the placements budget which has seen an increasing number of very high-cost placements and continued reliance on External Supported accommodation (ESA).

The table below provides further detail on the forecast pressure.

	Revised Budget 2023/24 £000s	P07 Forecast £000s	Variance £000s	Change from last month £000s
<b>Placements</b>				
External Supported Accommodation	5,448	14,456	9,008	2,078
In House Fostering	6,606	6,078	(528)	(46)
Independent Fostering Agencies	6,775	7,396	621	103
Inhouse Supported Accommodation	99	24	(75)	(0)
RO & SGO	5,683	5,870	187	54
Out Of Authority - Placements	15,770	23,647	7,877	4,374
Parent & Baby Unit - Citywide	571	805	235	86
Secure	148	162	15	0
Children's Homes	4,093	3,534	(559)	17
Post Adoption	381	248	(133)	(0)
<b>Total placements</b>	<b>45,573</b>	<b>62,220</b>	<b>16,648</b>	<b>6,665</b>
Other non-placement related budgets	42,668	38,093	(4,576)	(2,125)
<b>Total Children &amp; Families</b>	<b>88,241</b>	<b>100,313</b>	<b>12,072</b>	<b>4,540</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 £14.5m this year, a 45% 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: £5.2m pressure

The Educational Improvement Service is forecasting an adverse variance of £5.2m (24.1%) 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	P07 Forecast £000s	Variance £000s	Change from last month £000s
<b>Education Improvement</b>				
Learning City for All	813	834	21	148
Education Management	5,075	4,863	(212)	45
Additional Learning Needs	10,753	15,975	5,221	1,208
Employment, Skills & Learning	679	685	5	19
Trading with Schools	(406)	(112)	294	0
Schools PFI	0	0	0	0
Inclusive City	426	426	0	(186)
Accessible City	4,422	4,328	(93)	(13)
<b>Total Education Improvement</b>	<b>21,762</b>	<b>26,999</b>	<b>5,236</b>	<b>1,221</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.

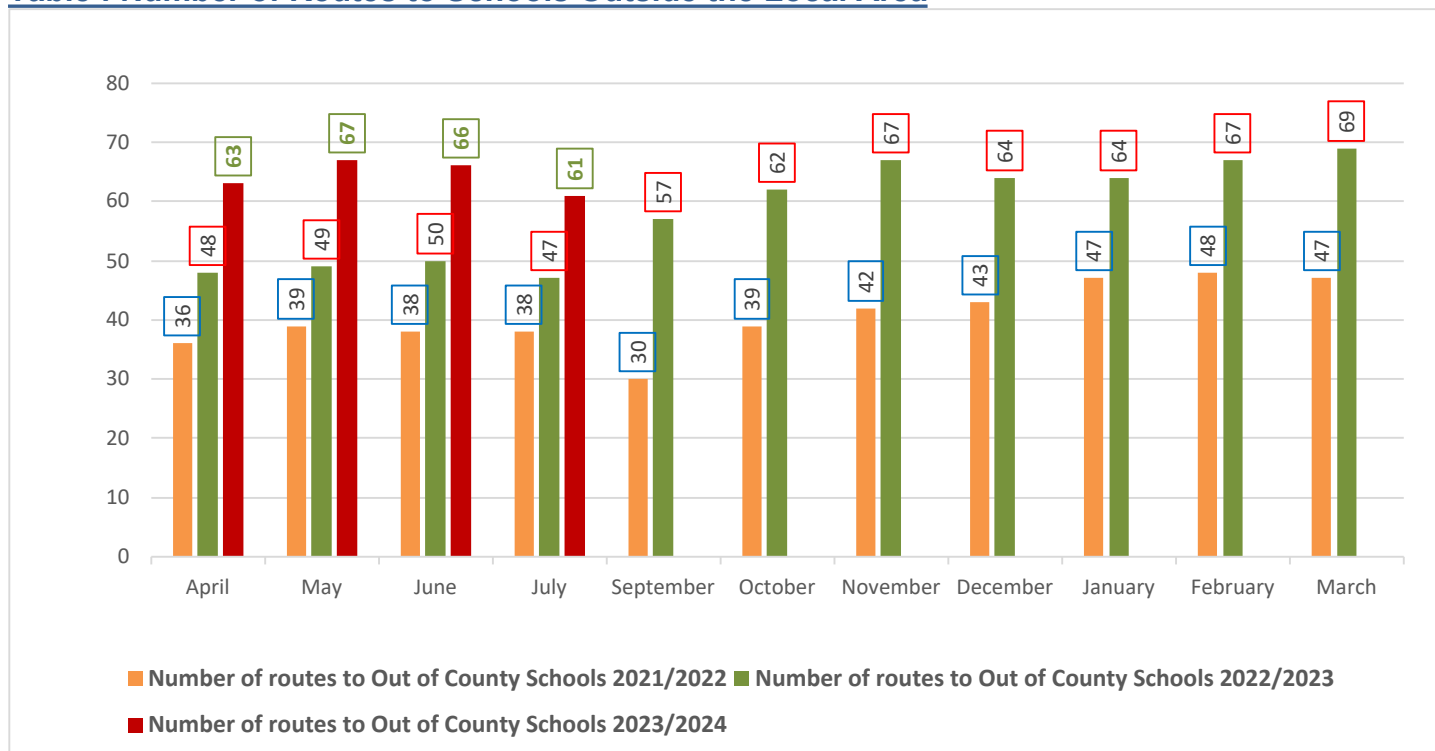
The number of children and young people with EHC plans increased to 517,000, as at census day in January 2023, up by 9% from 2022. In the 2022 calendar year, 66,400 new EHC plans were made,

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

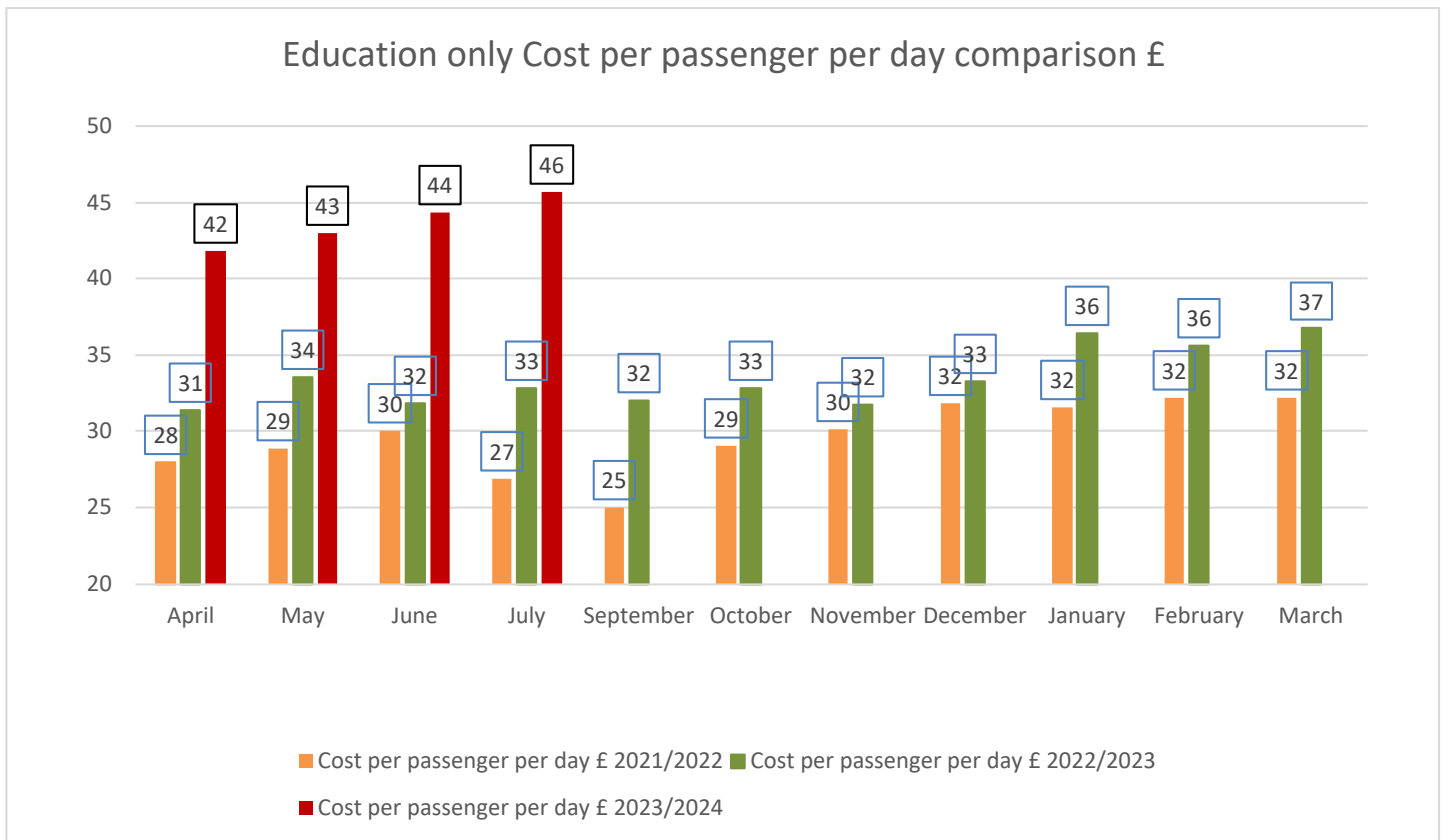
School sufficiency has been a major driver in decreased capacity within the service to handle EHCPs. With lower capacity in schools, and mainstream schools driving for Children and Young people (CYP) to attend special schools, the pressure of funding places for CYP falls on the Local Authority service.

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**



# 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	<b>Mitigated savings from previous years' that remain 'due' for delivery this year (£m)</b>		
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

Identified risks and opportunities are now recognised within the forecast position at Section A.

## 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>£21.2m</b>	<b>£21.2m</b>	<b>£7.1m</b> 34% of Budget	<b>£17.1m</b> 81% of Budget	<b>(£4.1m)</b>

Gross Expenditure by Programme		Current Year (FY2023)					
Ref	Scheme	Budget	Expenditure to date	Forecast	Variance	Expenditure to date	Forecast
		£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	%	%
Children & Education							
PE01	School Organisation/ Children's Services Capital Programme	346	327	346	0	95%	100%
PE03	Schools Devolved Capital Programme	923	832	923	0	90%	100%
PE01	School Organisation/ Children's Services Capital Programme	5,623	1,229	5,740	118	22%	102%
PE02	Schools Organisation/SEN Investment Programme	6,227	4,290	6,154	(73)	69%	99%
CRF2	South Bristol Youth Zone	5,786	225	1,600	(4,186)	4%	28%
PE05	Children & Families - Aids and Adaptations	127	60	127	0	47%	100%
PE06	Children Social Care Services	2,232	164	2,232	0	7%	100%
<b>Total Children &amp; Education</b>		<b>21,264</b>	<b>7,127</b>	<b>17,123</b>	<b>(4,141)</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>81%</b>

### Key Messages:

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

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