

## Appendix 7: Adverse variances over £100k

This Annex shows requests for increases in budget ceilings where existing forecasts predict that budgets will be overspent or an explanation of the current position.

Directorate	People
Function	Homecare
Budget	£773,100
Forecast	£1,035,600
Amount requested	£Nil
Source of funding requested	N/A
Rationale	<p>Home care in older people is significantly overspent as reviews of individual assessments have resulted in increased chargeable hours despite the number of clients reducing. This is in line with the policy of keeping people at home as long as possible. The actual number of service users has decreased from 74 to 63 but the average number of hours per service user has increased from 10 to 14 (total chargeable hours 868 per week).</p> <p>Also, there is a pressure against Learning Disabilities due to a young person moving into the area requiring a substantial level of support. Some of this overspend could be offset by rebasing the budgets to better reflect the new functional budget management arrangement.</p> <p>Fairer Charging income is forecast to be below budget due to lower numbers of service users meeting the fairer charging thresholds. However, the Head of Service is reviewing the charges to ensure that income is being optimised wherever possible.</p>
Please explain why existing directorate budget can/cannot accommodate cost	As the Directorate as a whole is forecasting an underspend, and a review and rebasing of budgets will be undertaken prior to Q2, a request for additional resources is not being sought at this time.