

## Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday, 13 June 2024
<b>Report Subject</b>	Joint Funded Care Packages – Update Report
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Officer (Social Services)
<b>Type of Report</b>	Operational

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As discussed in previous Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committees, officers within the Social Services portfolio continue to work closely with the Finance and Continuing Health Care (CHC) teams in Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) to put in place a number of processes and monitoring actions to address long standing CHC invoices. Processes are now in place to ensure current invoices are raised and paid in a timely manner.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To update Members on the current position regarding outstanding Continuing Health Care invoices raised by the Council for payment by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.
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## **REPORT DETAILS**

<b>1.00</b>	<b>PROGRESS UPDATE</b>														
1.01	Regular meetings continue to take place between Council officers and health board staff, in these meetings officers concentrate on filling the information gaps that have previously prevented payment and as a result reduced the numbers of outstanding invoices.														
1.02	Processes are now in place to ensure current and future invoices are raised in a timely manner and supported by appropriate information to allow for payment within invoicing terms.														
1.03	Meetings continue to be held at operational, strategic and Leader/Chief Executive level and the management of outstanding invoices is a standing item on all meeting agendas.														
1.04	Meetings to support arbitration between Council officers and health board staff continue every 2 months – 4 individuals remain under discussion, with high level of activity continuing to resolution to these outstanding invoices.														
<b>1.05</b>	<b>Debt Levels</b>														
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1.07	<p>Whilst the overall figure for outstanding invoices has increased to £0.717m, this is due to a high level of short-term debt of £0.294m which will be paid imminently. By comparison, the short-term debt level in December '23 was £0.047m.</p> <p>Of the remaining debt, £0.162m are invoices 1 year and over, and this figure has reduced slightly since the last report.</p> <p>And the remaining £0.261m relates to four individuals who continue to be progressed through arbitration. As discussed in previous meetings, this work is moving forward, but progress is difficult due to the historic nature of these invoices. We are confident positive progress will be made on all 4 cases.</p> <p>When taking into account the increased short-term debt figure, the overall position remains constant.</p>														
1.08	Monthly operational meetings continue and the outcome from this work is reported to the Director of Social Services and the Senior Management Team monthly.														

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	None as this report is the provision of financial information only.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
3.01	Debt levels are monitored monthly, and an escalation route has been established.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT</b>
4.01	None required at this stage.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	None

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	None

<b>7.00</b>	<b>CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS</b>
7.01	<p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Jane Davies – Senior Manager Safeguarding and Commissioning  <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 702503  <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:jane.m.davies@flintshire.gov.uk">jane.m.davies@flintshire.gov.uk</a></p>

<b>8.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
8.01	None