

ABMU Health Board
Monthly Monitoring Returns
Action Point Response
Month 04

Action Point	
3.1	The forecast profiling is being reviewed as part of the Health Board's financial recovery plan. This will be updated during the course of the next month.
3.2	Further details of actions are included in letter.
3.3	Table A describes the planned mitigating actions only. These additional savings have not been identified and are contributing to the monthly reported overspend position.
3.4	See response to 3.3
3.5	<p>Health care services provided by other NHS bodies can be explained by a catch-up on the WHSSC LTA payments and the establishment pay relates to a technical adjustment on the GP out of hours costs linked to the Bridgend boundary change.</p> <p>The estimates for July assume a break-even position in the month. If an overall overspend is subsequently reported it is inevitable that the initial estimate understates the cost, which has been the case in the figures for the year to date. As the forecast still assumes a year end break-even position, the estimates must reflect the reduction in cost to achieve this, but as the Health Board is not yet achieving in month balance the variances are manifesting themselves as differences between forecast and actual costs on Table B1.</p>
3.6	The increase in Establishment Pay costs in February reflect the payment of 5 weeks of enhancements and 3 bank holidays.
3.7	The status of each individual savings scheme is regularly reviewed and revised where necessary to reflect an accurate picture. It is anticipated that any slippage identified on existing schemes will be covered by the identification of new opportunities. This is reviewed via the DST and the Financial Recovery meetings.
3.8	The risks included in Table F are reviewed and revised on an on-going basis.
3.9	In order to improve the NHS invoice PSPP performance, monthly debtor statements are being sourced from other health boards which will be reviewed by staff in finance to support NWSSP Accounts Payable in identifying the correct authoriser of the invoice and assist in cashing down earlier authorisation of these invoices to enable more prompt payment.
3.10	All invoices agreed at year end have been paid or have a payment date of 12 th or 13 th August following receipt of remittance advices. There is 1 invoice outstanding for £36 with Cwm Taf Morgannwg which will transfer to them anyway under the boundary change.
3.11	The carry forward position is being reviewed to ensure it appropriately reflects the savings, recovery actions and operational pressures. This will be finalised over the coming weeks following the outcome of the Bridgend Boundary Change arbitration.
3.12	The following calculation has been used to estimate the under/over phasing of the RRL for month 3:

	Annual RRL	£866.6m
	Less : AME/DEL	(£34.4m)
	Subtotal	£832.2m
	Pro Rata RRL (3 months)	£208.1m
	Actual RRL to M03	£217.5m
	Less : AME/DEL	(£8.6m)
	Subtotal	£208.9m
	Difference £208.1 less £208.9	£0.8m
If a different calculation is required, please advise as this is the method that has been used since this element was included in the letter.		
3.13	The balance of £0.7m has been classified as non recurrent opportunities in the description of the plan within the letter.	
3.14	Red schemes have been removed from Table C3 for month 4.	
3.15	Statement regarding the use of Transformation Fund allocations included within the letter under section 7, income assumptions.	
2.5	Table B1 amended.	
2.9	Included within the cashflow section in the monitoring returns commentary	