

Performance and Resources report quarter 2 2022/23: Resources

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- £3.8 million 2022/23 year to date forecast underspend (including Westminster RDEL £1.8 million overspend)
- 145+ actual NET FSA FTE from quarter 2 2021/22 to quarter 2 2022/23
- 212+ forecast NET FSA FTE from October 2022 to March 2023

Key successes in the quarter

- quarterly director meetings providing additional insight to align business plans to the budget.
- of the +212 forecast FTE, 109 are in the later stages of recruitment or an offer has been made and 103 are in the early stages.

Concerns / risks

- Westminster is forecasting an overspend against Resource Departmental Expenditure Limits (RDEL) of £1.8million as we aim to fulfil as many of our SR21 plans and maximise the 2022/23 budget. We expect this overspend to reduce to within limits by the end of Q3.
- forecast underspend of £1.5million on Shared Outcomes Funding (SOF) is ring-fenced funding and cannot be reallocated to other directorates. As lead partner on the programme, the FSA must also ensure all other partners are managing their budgets effectively. The SOF programme (including non-FSA partners) is forecasting to spend £7.1million of its £9.0million budget in 2022/23.
- further recruitment is forecast in the final half of the year although we will continue to monitor this plan in light of the financial environment we are operating in.

Next steps

- 2021/22 Annual Report & Accounts planned to be laid in Parliament in December 2022.
- robust 2022/23 October forecasts used to inform the draft position for the Supplementary Estimate in November which will be finalised in January.
- work on the meat industry charge rates and discount calculations for 2023/24 charges to begin in Q3.
- an integrated budget and planning exercise for 2023/24 to commence in Q3 and completed in Q4.

Expenditure	2022/23 Full year Forecast quarter 2 (£ million)	2022/23 Full year limits (£ millions)	Under/(Over) spend availability (£ million)	Fav/(Adv) variance %
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FSA total RDEL and CDEL excluding AME	142.6	146.4	3.8	2.6%
Westminster (excluding SOF) RDEL and CDEL excluding AME	121.0	121.8	0.8	0.7%
of which RDEL	112.7	110.9	(1.8)	(1.6%)
of which CDEL	8.3	10.9	2.6	23.9%
Shared Outcomes fund RDEL and CDEL	2.1	3.6	1.5	41.7%
Wales RDEL and CDEL	4.9	5.0	0.1	2.0%
Northern Ireland RDEL and CDEL	14.6	16.0	1.4	8.8%