

Appendix 1 – Budget Pressures and Investments

**New Pressures and Investments**

Service Group	Category	Description	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000
<b>Social Services</b>					
Children Services	Demand – Social Care	Out of Area Residential Placements - the number of children that will be in externally provided Out of Area placements from April 24 exceed the current budget available.	2,264	0	0
Children Services	Demand – Social Care	Emergency Placements – a temporary pressure whilst additional placement capacity is created.	400	0	(400)
Children Services	Demand – Social Care	Legal fees associated with children’s cases.	110	0	0
Children’s Services	Demand – Social Care	Safeguarding Hub additional resource requirement.	190	0	0
Adult Services	Other	Additional contribution to the GWICES pooled arrangements from all partners to pay for the increased cost of living incurred by supplier.	56	0	0
Adult Services	Other	IDVA Contract - Gwent Directors of Social Care agreed to increase funding for the VAWDASV service where NCC is the Lead Authority.	54	0	0
<b>Education</b>					
Non Schools	Demand - Other	SEN Out of County (OOC) and Local provision (LPD) pupil demand. Demand increasing by 4 places at Sporting Chance provision at an average cost of £25k and 4 places at Catch 22 provision at an average cost of £28k. These additional places will grow capacity locally and avoid more expensive OOC costs.	162	0	0

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<b>Total New Pressures and Investments</b>	<b>4,841</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>215</b>
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**Previously agreed / revised pressures and investments**

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<b>Social Services</b>					
Children Services	Demand – Social Care	The creation of 2 fully staffed NCC owned annexes and the use of Brynglas Bungalow to provide 5 new placements and will avoid the use of unregulated, more expensive placements.	0	2,222	0
Adult Services	Demand – Social Care	Increased demand on Adult Learning Disability Budget arising from learning disability (LD) children turning 18 and LD clients who were previously looked after by relatives now requiring care.	0	277	0
<b>Education</b>					
Schools	Demand – Other	ALN funding to schools to support universal ALN provision.	231	467	0
Schools	Other	Increase in the teachers’ pension employers contribution rate from 23.68% to 28.68%. To take effect from April 2024.	3,419	0	0
<b>Total previously agreed / revised pressures and investments</b>			<b>4,180</b>	<b>3,486</b>	<b>320</b>