

Service Area: SOCIAL SERVICES

ANALYSIS OF SAVINGS

	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	Progress on implementation
Item (Full Description and Details)	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Children's Purchasing: recover overpayments to foster carers	20				It is expected this saving will be made given improved performance in this area in 2003-2004
Children's Operating: full year effect of mid 2003/4 nursery closure	120				Nursery closed in September 2003
Children's Operating: finance and administration	157				There is a programme to review finance systems and structures with April 2004 to go live. This is still the expected delivery date, and this saving is expected to be achieved. The main financial system option will be Epicor or Oracle. The Abacus provider payment/income assessment, collection and recovery system will be extended to all client groups. Associated staffing savings will arise from avoiding ad hoc forecasting work and highly labour intensive payment methods.
Physical Disabilities Operating: finance and administration	58				See comment on children's finance and administration
Learning Disabilities Purchasing: maximum use of block bookings	50				This placements budget is under much more effective control in 2003-2004. There are full-year effects in 2004-2005 of actions already taken in 2003-2004 to limit or renegotiate the cost of individual placements without detriment to service content.
Learning Disabilities Operating: finance and administration	82				See comment on children's finance and administration
Older People Purchasing: maximum take-up of deferred payment grant	75				Grant will not be paid in 2004/5 therefore saving not achievable in this specific form. Work is proceeding to identify other opportunities to meet costs from specific grants that are currently funded from the cash limit.
Older People Purchasing: enhanced homecare system to pay only provided hours	50				This is part of a process of continually improving the system and is expected to be achieved
Older People Operating: reduce finance staff re single Epicor corporation	75				See comment on children's finance and administration
Older People Operating: finance and administration	108				See comment on children's finance and administration
Core Purchasing: no requirement to fund 2002/3 overspend	500				No additional comment required. Directorate is forecasting within budget for 2003-2004.
Core Operating: introduction of unified and central payments system	50				See comment on children's finance and administration
Core Operating: delete finance assistant post for head of finance	30				This has already been done without service detriment
Core Operating: reduction in utility costs following internal review	20				Initial discussions with Corporate Procurement Team have taken place
Core Operating: finance and administration	56				See comment on children's finance and administration
Core Operating: additional provision for interim finance staff	150				There is no anticipated requirement for interim staff at senior levels in 2004-2005
Mental Health Operating: finance and administration	71				See comment on children's finance and administration
YOT Operating: finance and administration	10				See comment on children's finance and administration
Emergency Duty Operating: finance and administration	8				See comment on children's finance and administration
TOTAL	1,690				