



Social Security Scotland
Tèarainteachd Shòisealta Alba

Finance Report March 2020

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Dignity,
fairness,
respect.

1. Overview

This report sets out our provisional results for the 2019-20 financial year. These figures are subject to change as our year end work completes and in particular Carers Allowance benefit expenditure will change to reflect information that is to be received from the Department for Work and Pensions to make final accounting adjustments.

Operating expenditure for the year to 31 March 2020, is **£35.598 million** [REDACTED]

Benefit expenditure for the year to 31 March 2020, is **£346.4 million** [REDACTED]

2. Budget reconciliation

[REDACTED] This information is published here:

SBR – <https://www.gov.scot/publications/spring-budget-revision-2019-20-supporting-document/pages/12/>

ABR – <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-budget-documents-2019-20-autumn-budget-revision-budget-scotland-act-year-ending-31-march-2020/pages/20/>

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3. Financial results

Operating Budget

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3.1. Expenditure against February Forecast – Key changes

A full breakdown of our operational financial performance is shown in **Annex A**. This shows our end of year position against budget for each budget line [REDACTED]

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3.2. **Budget holder Overview**

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Benefit Expenditure

The following table shows our provisional results for benefit expenditure in 2019-20. As mentioned earlier in the report the expenditure on Carers Allowance will change as we are still to complete our year end accounting adjustments.

Form of Assistance	Provisional Outturn	Budget Bill	ABR/SBR Adjustments	Revised Budget	(Under) / Over plan
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Carer's Allowance	276.9	283.0		283.0	
Carer's Allowance Supplement	37.0	37.0	-	37.0	
Funeral Support Payment - Financial Transactions	4.1	6.2	-	6.2	
Funeral Support Payment - Write Offs	4.1	-	-	-	
Job Start Payment	-	-	-	-	
Young Carer's Grant	0.4	-	-	-	
Best Start Grant - Pregnancy & Baby	7.6	5.5	8.2	13.7	
Best Start Grant - Early Learning	8.5	3.7	-	3.7	
Best Start Grant - School	4.7	3.2	-	3.2	
Best Start Grant - Subtotal	20.8	12.4	8.2	20.6	
Total	343.4	338.6	8.2	346.8	

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Annex A
Operating expenditure at 31 March 2020

	P11 Forecast vs FY Outturn			FY 19-20		
	P11 Forecast	P12 Outturn	Variance	Forecast	Budget	Over/ (Under) plan
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Staff costs		19,658			21,555	
Other staff costs		3,042			2,080	
Administration costs						
Accommodation		2,022			2,172	
Travel & subsistence		505			555	
Supplies & services		112			324	
Training		138			361	
Hospitality		9			24	
Other office costs		1,543			2,200	
IT Systems		188			181	
		4,519			5,818	
Auditor's remuneration		319			319	
DWP Formal Agreements		6,887			6,017	
Scottish Government Shared Service recharges		1,172			2,250	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		35,598			38,039	
Other office costs						
Computing Services/Equipment		436			143	
Legal		1			80	
Marketing		449			664	
Stationery		29			73	
Printing & publications		32			177	
Telephone Call Charges		80			321	
Other services		191			37	
Translation Costs		58			20	
Insurance Payments		0			7	
Mail Screening		268			585	
Unallocated		0			94	
		1,543			2,200	