

**Children's Services Department Risks**

Department & Division	Short Description of Risk	Risk				Mitigation
		2022/23 Value (£000s)	2023/24 Value (£000s)	2024/25 Value (£000s)	2025/26 Value (£000s)	
Children and Young Peoples Services	Increased demand as a result of the service being needs led	To be kept under review and closely monitored.				Targeting of earlier intervention through use of family group conferences, involvement of Family Assist services and monitoring of trends
Children and Young Peoples Services	Greater demand on services as more families experience prolonged duress and the impact of economic downturn due to the pandemic	To be kept under review and closely monitored				Undertaking risk assessments and monitoring.
Education	Travel Care is determined by the needs of children with SEND and the extent to school placements are made out of borough and at a considerable distance from the child's home. Demand for Travel Care continues to rise.	To be kept under review and closely monitored				The SEN Sufficiency Review commissioned for early 2022/23 will identify further opportunities for local SEN educational provision and inform how local provision can be developed in order to increase the number of children with SEN being able to access both local mainstream and special school places, thus reducing the both the demand for travel care, and the length of journeys to reduce costs.
All Children's and Education Services	Contractual and Statutory inflation more than budgeted	To be kept under review and closely monitored				Seek to minimise inflationary uplifts as far as possible, noting these are often legally enforceable contract clauses. Set aside corporate inflationary contingency
<b>Total</b>						