



**MID-WESTERN**  
HEALTH BOARD

02<sup>nd</sup> March 2004

To: Cathaoirleach & Each Member  
Mid-Western Health Board

Report No: 11/04  
Item No 4 on the Agenda

**Report of the Meeting of the Board to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2004**

**Chief Executive Officer's Overview of Financial Results**

Dear Member,

**1. Introduction**

The Board recorded a positive variance against budget in January 2004 of €2.37m. This was due to the receipt of €1.2m in January, from the Department of Social Community and Family Affairs, in respect of arrears in allowances.

**2. Outturn to end Jan 03**

The outturn to the end of January is summarised as follows:

	Current Month	Year to Date
	Variance	Variance
	€'000	€'000
Pay	388	388
Superann	153	153
Non-Pay	281	281
Income	1,547	1,547
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>2,372</b>

**3. General Commentary**

Pay is underspent in the current month by €388k. This is due to vacant posts in Community Care.

	Pay		Superannuation	
	Current Month	Year to Date	Current Month	Year to Date
	Variance	Variance	Variance	Variance
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Acutes	-149	-149	68	68
Elderly Care	40	40	24	24
Mental Health	59	59	-2	-2
Community Care	423	423	53	53
Central Services	14	14	10	10

### **3 (ii) Non Pay Expenditure**

Non-Pay expenditure is underspent in the current month by €281k. The main variances recorded were as follows:

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Non Pay by Caregroup</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>€'000</b>	<b>€'000</b>
Acutes	95	95
Elderly Care	70	70
Mental Health	54	54
Community Care	-312	-312
Central Services	373	373

The January underspend in Non Pay is due mainly to short term savings. The following non pay classifications recorded significant large negative variances.

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Non Pay by Category</b>	<b>€'000</b>	<b>€'000</b>
Demand Led Schemes	-319	-319
Capitation	-115	-115

### **Income**

Income is positive in the month by €1.5m mainly due to the receipt of arrears in respect of Orphans Allowances.

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>€'000</b>	<b>€'000</b>
Acutes	-26	-26
Elderly Care	95	231
Mental Health	33	144
Community Care	1,311	1,311
Central Services	134	134

## **4. Programme Analysis**

### **4(i) Acute Hospitals**

Caregroup: Acute Hospital Services

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>€'000</b>	<b>€'000</b>
Pay	-149	-149
Superann	68	68
Non-Pay	95	95
Income	-26	-26
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-12</b>

### **Financial Commentary**

#### **Pay**

- The negative pay variance for the month is mainly due to overspend on Maintenance & Catering Pay.

### Non-Pay

- Positive non-pay variance in January was in the following areas Blood, Radiology and office expenses. This was a result of increased usage in January resulting from a build up of stock in November. This trend is not expected to continue.

### Superannuation

- Superannuation variance is positive this month.

### Income

- Income is slightly under budget this month.

### 4 (ii) Special Hospitals ( Mental Health & Elderly)

	Current Month	Year to Date
	Variance	Variance
	€'000	€'000
Pay	133	133
Superann	22	22
Non-Pay	123	123
Income	127	127
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>375</b>

### Financial Commentary

#### Pay

Pay variance in the month is positive in Special Hospitals due to unfilled posts in both Mental Health and Older Persons Services.

Within pay, specific areas are showing negative variances. These areas have been targeted for corrective action.

#### Non-Pay

Non Pay variance is positive in the month, this trend is not expected to continue.

#### Income

Income is positive in the month.

### 4 (iii) Community Care (Primary Care, Disabilities, Child Care, Child Health, Child Psychiatry & Community Services)

#### Overall Financial Position

	Current Month	Year to Date
	Variance	Variance
	€'000	€'000
Pay	423	423
Superannuation	53	53
Non-Pay	-312	-312
Income	1,311	1,311
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>1,476</b>

#### Analysis by Caregroup

##### Caregroup: Primary/Community Services

	Current Month	Year to Date
	Variance	Variance
	€'000	€'000
Pay	88	88
Superann	23	23
Non-Pay	-134	-134
Income	91	91
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>

## **Financial Commentary**

### **Pay**

In line with previous year trend.

### **Non-Pay**

The non-pay position is as anticipated and is associated with demand led cost drivers, principally the Demand Led Schemes. Most of the issues are of a national nature. Over runs were anticipated due to core under funding.

### **Income**

In line with previous years trends.

## **Caregroup:Childcare**

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>€'000</b>	<b>€'000</b>
Pay	191	191
Superann	10	10
Non-Pay	-95	-95
Income	1,191	1,191
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>1,297</b>

## **Financial Commentary**

### **Pay**

Savings in pay due to the delay in recruitment of staff for Coovagh House and the inability to fill Child Care vacancies.

### **Non-Pay**

Core funding difficulties in respect of Legal activity and Capitation are a cause for concern.

### **Income**

.Positive variance in the month due to the receipt of arrears in relation to the Orphans Allowances.

## **Caregroup: Child Health**

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>€'000</b>	<b>€'000</b>
Pay	-6	-6
Superann	0	0
Non-Pay	1	1
Income	0	0
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-5</b>

## **Financial Commentary**

### **Pay**

Small variance recorded in the month

### **Non-Pay**

Breakeven in Pay

**Caregroup :Disabilities**

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>€'000</b>	<b>€'000</b>
Pay	92	92
Superann	10	10
Non-Pay	-12	-12
Income	0	0
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>

**Financial Commentary****Pay**

Pay savings reflect inability to recruit certain staff because of WTE ceilings constraint.

**Non-Pay**

Small overspend in the month recorded.

**Central Services**

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>€'000</b>	<b>€'000</b>
Pay	15	15
Superann	9	9
Non-Pay	373	373
Income	134	134
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>532</b>

**Financial Commentary****Pay**

Pay is in line with budget.

**Non-Pay**

The favourable variance in non pay is due to short term savings in Cervical Screening, Finance, Public Health and Drugs Project.

**Income**

Income is ahead of target in the month.

**Employment Levels**

The December WTE return is 6,322.88 and the ceiling is 6,591.

This return excludes the WTE count for homehelps.

A number of issues regarding the board's employment ceiling have been raised with the DOHC.

Yours sincerely,

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