

Appendix One:

Demand for Adult social care support.

Key Messages from the November 2024 Association of Directors of Adults Social Services (ADASS) report state that nationally:

“ Adult social care financial pressures are intensifying, meaning that councils continue to face challenges in fully delivering on their legal obligations to people accessing care and support and their carers.

81% of councils are on course to overspend their adult social care budget in the current financial year, up from 72% in 2023/24. More councils are being required to make savings despite growing levels and complexity of need and escalating costs. Some 35% of councils are being asked to make in-year savings, up from 19% in 2022. This is on top of planned savings for 2024/25, which in our Spring Survey we reported was £903bn, the highest since 2016/17. For 2025/26, these planned savings are estimated to increase by 55% to £1.4bn. In this context, it will be even harder for councils to make the investment needed in workforce, prevention and unpaid carers, all of which are crucial to improving health and social care in the longer-term. To achieve the Government’s goal of shifting health and social care from “sickness to prevention”

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Slough Borough Council is particularly pressured across most services and has seen an increase in demand for people presenting for support from adult social care. New requests have risen from an average of around 50 per month during 2022/23 to around 250 requests per quarter in 2024/25 with increases in complexity of level of needs.

Care package total expenditure has risen for all adult service user groups combined - from £37m in 2022/23 to around £45m in 2024/25.

Description	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Total aged 18-64 accessing long term support during the year	760	753	791	696	674
Total over 65 accessing long term support during the year	1,000	1,093	1,116	1,031	1,233
Totals	1,760	1,846	1,907	1,727	1,907