

**Subject:** Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

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**Key Decision:** Yes/No

**Wards Affected:** All

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#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 Section 116 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 places a duty on upper tier local authorities and Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to work together to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). This duty came into effect from April 2008. Directors of Public Health, Adult Social Services and Children's Services were identified as the lead officers for JSNA.
- 1.2 Brighton and Hove's Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) Strategic Priority 2 aims to 'Reduce child poverty and health inequality' and commits the city council and Children's Trust Partnership to:
  - Work with the Public Service Board and, as part of the city's Joint Strategic Needs Analysis programme, complete a Child Poverty Needs Assessment and Action Plan and comply with anticipated statutory guidance
  - Work with NHS Brighton & Hove to tackle barriers which prevent the choice of a healthier lifestyle by families implementing the joint Public health & CYPT Public health Action Plan and maintaining an up-to-date Joint Strategic Needs Analysis for children and young people.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to update the Children's Trust Board (CTB) on work under taken to progress the CYPP Strategic Priority 2, in relation to the JSNA and to provide a summary of up to date information to the Board (Appendix 1 &2). A separate report to the CTB addresses the Child Poverty Needs Assessment and Action Plan.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 The Children Trust Board is asked to note progress in respect of Strategic Priority 2 and to consider the information provided in Appendix 1.

## **3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**

- 3.1 JSNA is a process that identifies current and future health and wellbeing needs of a local population, informing the priorities and targets set by Local Area Agreements and leading to agreed commissioning priorities that will improve outcomes and reduce health inequalities (DH 2007). It is intended to identify “the big picture” in terms of the health and wellbeing needs and inequalities of a local population.
- 3.2 Brighton and Hove has implemented a portfolio approach to JSNA based around the following elements:
- JSNA themed summaries (themes based on identified priorities)
  - Supporting data profiles on specific JSNA themes
  - Annual summary document (bringing together update information from the portfolio of themed JSNAs)
  - National JSNA core dataset
- 3.3. In 2008 a JSNA of the health and well being needs of children and young people was completed and published as part of the Annual Director of Public Health Report. A number of recommendations were made to the CYPT, NHS Brighton and Hove and the Local Authority which informed the strategic priorities of the CYPP 2009-2012.
- 3.4 The JSNA (2008) made particular recommendations around improving our understanding of the needs of certain groups for example children with disabilities. A JSNA on children with disabilities is underway and will inform the review of services for children with disabilities (see separate report to CTB).
- 3.5 A steering group was convened in August 2009 to:
- Oversee the development of a comprehensive rolling programme of themed JSNA chapters and agree methodologies and quality measures to support good practice in conducting JSNA, including a JSNA template to be used to produce consistent and robust needs assessments across organisations.
  - Ensure effective dissemination of JSNA to public, professionals and decision makers including:
    - publishing an annual public-facing summary document as part of the PCT and Council business cycle (e.g. in advance of NHS Annual Operating Plan and LAA refresh).
    - integrating the JSNA output with the Brighton and Hove Local

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- producing a web-based portfolio of completed JSNA and related Resources
- 3.6 The group is jointly chaired by a Public Health Consultant and the Deputy Director, Adult Social Care and reports to the lead officers for JSNA (Directors of Public Health, Adult Social Care and Housing and Children's Services). The group has wide membership from the PCT, City Council and CYPT.
- 3.7 Since the current JSNA structure and processes were established in 2009 significant developments in commissioning have been initiated, including the Service Improvement Plan for the Section 75 Agreement between the council and NHS Brighton and Hove, the council's model for Intelligent Commissioning and the further development of World Class Commissioning. The structure and processes for delivering city wide needs assessment are being revised to respond to these developments. In particular a formal mechanism for prioritising city wide needs assessments and JSNA themes is being developed to meet the needs of all partners.
- 3.8 The 2010 JSNA summary document was published in January 2010. It is now available via the PCT and City Council public websites and incorporated into the Brighton and Hove Local Information Service (BHLIS) JSNA site
- 3.9 A publicly accessible JSNA section has been launched on the BHLIS portal. The first themed document, on child obesity, was made available in February and data profiles for the following themes have been launched in 2010:
- Demography
  - Deprivation
  - Childhood obesity
- 3.10 The Child Poverty Needs Assessment will test the JSNA template as the tool to conduct needs analysis for intelligent commissioning and draw information and data from the JSNA portfolio (see separate report).

## 4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 A requirement of JSNA is to include and give weight to the voice of the public and professionals. The children and young people JSNA (2008) and the JSNA of children with disabilities (2010) both include this.

## 5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation to note this report. Costs to date for the JSNA have been met from within existing PCT and Council budgets. With the introduction of Intelligent Commissioning,

£120k of LPSA funds have been agreed for 2010/11 to support the City Council Outcome, needs and performance work stream which includes city wide needs analysis.

- 5.2 Any financial implications of the JSNA process itself will be considered within the paper which will go to TMT in July.
- 5.3 The JSNA will inform future budget strategies and the partners will need to identify funding for any additional costs that are identified as a result of this process.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Jeff Coates Date: 11/06/10*

Legal Implications:

- 5.4 The statutory duty imposed upon Local Authorities and PCT's to produce JSNA is described in the body of this report and the report plus supporting appendices describe adherence to that duty.
- 5.5 There are no specific Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

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Equalities Implications:

- 5.6 There is no requirement to conduct Equalities Impact Assessment on JSNA. The JSNA framework includes guidance on considering equalities and inequalities issues as part of the needs assessment.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.7 JSNA provides information on current and future needs of the population. This informs future service planning to improve the health and well being of children and young people which will contribute to creating a healthier city and in turn will contribute to economic sustainability.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.8 There are no immediate Crime and Disorder implications.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.9 Capacity to conduct city wide needs assessment needs to be considered in the context of financial constraint.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.10 This supports the city's duty, through The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007), for the city council and PCT to work in partnership and produce a JSNA.

**6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):**

- 6.1 BHLIS was chosen as it makes use of the current web based data portal, developed through the Partnership Data Group, to make the summaries and information and evidence supporting them more easily and widely available to local partners and the public.

**7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The portfolio approach to JSNA which has begun in the city has been strengthened through the development of a Joint JSNA steering group. The structure and processes for delivering city wide needs assessment are being revised to ensure that it meets the growing needs of commissioners and the move the City Council's new commissioning approach.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

None

**Documents In Members' Rooms**

- 1. None required

