

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>JSNA: Update on rolling programme of needs assessments</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>12 June 2013</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Dr Tom Scanlon, Director of Public Health</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 From April 2013, local authorities and clinical commissioning groups will have equal and explicit obligations to prepare a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). This duty will be discharged by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The purpose of this item is to ask the Board to approve the planned programme of needs assessments for 2013/14 and note the requirement to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by March 2015.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Board approve the following programme of needs assessments for 2013/14:
- (i) Dementia needs assessment
  - (ii) Trans needs assessment scoping
  - (iii) Homeless Link Health Needs Audit
- 2.2 That the Board note the requirement for a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by March 2015.

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

- 3.1 The needs assessment process aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of current & future needs of local people to inform commissioning of services that will improve health and wellbeing outcomes & reduce inequalities.
- 3.2 The Health & Social Care Act 2012 states that the responsibility to prepare the JSNA will be exercised by the Health and Wellbeing Board from April 2013. The guidance signals an enhanced role for JSNAs to support effective commissioning for health, care & public health as well as influencing the wider determinants that influence health & wellbeing, such as housing & education.

- 3.3 In Brighton and Hove, in addition to the annual JSNA summary and resources collated at Brighton & Hove Local Intelligence Service ([www.bhlis.org](http://www.bhlis.org)), a rolling programme of more in depth needs assessment work is conducted each year. Examples published in the last 12 months include:
- Dual Diagnosis
  - Health Needs Assessment of Gypsies and Travellers
  - Physical activity and sport
  - Sussex wide military veterans health needs assessment
- 3.4 In addition, related needs assessments are included on [www.bhlis.org/needsassessments](http://www.bhlis.org/needsassessments), for example:
- Housing and support for young people aged 16-25 needs assessment
  - Drugs treatment (adults) needs assessment
  - Crime and disorder strategic assessment
- 3.5 Under the memorandum of understanding between the BHCC Public Health team and the CCG, Public Health will provide needs analysis support in relation to CCG priorities. Detail on this ongoing role is not included in the remit of this paper.
- 3.6 In order to identify priorities for the rolling programme of needs assessments for 2013/14, the following were considered:
- Recommendations of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
  - Engagement with health, adult social care, children's and housing commissioners
  - Recommendations of Scrutiny Reports
  - New statutory obligations for the Health and Wellbeing Board

3.7 The following priorities have been identified:

**3.7.1 Dementia needs assessment**

A comprehensive needs assessment to support the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy Priority. Timescales will be agreed with commissioners.

**3.7.2 Trans needs assessment scoping**

A number of relevant recommendations were made in the Trans Equality Scrutiny report including:

*Recommendation 11.* The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) should more accurately reflect the needs of trans people, particularly regarding suicide prevention.

*Recommendation 13.* The Panel welcome the Clinical Commissioning Group's commitment to work with the council on commissioning a trans needs assessment for the city. The Panel recommend that as a matter of some urgency a needs assessment needs to be undertaken to identify the size of the trans community and its needs. Trans people must be involved at every stage of this process from design, commissioning, implementation, analysis, reporting and influencing in order to inspire the trust of the trans community.

An initial meeting between Public Health, BHCC Equalities team, and the LGBT Health and Inclusion Project took place in May 2013. It was agreed that the next stage will be to convene a wider group to consider the following:

- Methods
- Scope
- Partners
- Resources
- Timescales

A meeting will be arranged by July to invite the following potential partners to agree the way forward:

- Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group
- BHCC Public Health; Adult Social Care; Housing; CYP; Community Safety; Leisure; Equalities; Research and Analysis
- LGBT Health and Inclusion Project
- University of Brighton

### **3.7.3 Homeless Link Health Needs Audit**

Housing and Homelessness was identified as a high impact issue on health and wellbeing in the 2012 Brighton and Hove JSNA, and the homelessness section cited local evidence indicating that the vulnerable homeless population experience very poor health outcomes and make disproportionate use of unplanned healthcare.

The Council's Homelessness Strategy is being updated in 2013. Overall, needs analysis to support the development of the strategy is being led by Housing.

In order to inform planning actions to improve health and wellbeing, Public Health and Housing have jointly developed a proposal to conduct the Homeless Link Health Needs Audit in Brighton and Hove. This national tool has been designed to strengthen JSNA intelligence on the health needs of the homeless population (a link to further details is provided in the Background Documents section below).

The audit will be agreed and conducted in partnership with homelessness providers. Initial consultation with providers has been positive and the proposal will be discussed at provider groups in June 2013 to agree participation. The data collection process involves front line workers in local hostels and homeless service providers conducting a face to face survey with young adult and adult single homeless people. Topics covered include health service usage, health conditions, health behaviours and demographic questions.

The results will provide evidence to support action in Brighton and Hove to tackle health inequalities and improve the health and wellbeing of the vulnerable homeless population, including informing the commissioning of health services. It is planned to conduct the audit in Summer 2013.

### **3.7.4 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)**

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transfers responsibility for developing and updating Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments to Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) (link to Department of Health guidance for Health and Wellbeing Boards given in supporting documentation).

Specifically, Health and Wellbeing Boards will be required to:

- Produce the first assessment by 1 April 2015;
- Publish a revised assessment within three years of publication of their first assessment; and
- Publish a revised assessment as soon as is reasonably practical after identifying significant changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services since the publication of its PNA unless it is satisfied that making a revised assessment would be a disproportionate response to those changes.

Planning will need to commence in 2013/14 for the needs assessment to be part of the 2014/15 programme. Public Health will work closely with the NHS England Surrey and Sussex Area Team, the responsible commissioners for community pharmacies, in planning and delivering the needs assessment.

- 3.8 The resources required to conduct the programme described within this paper are identified within the public health work programme for 2013/14. As the Trans needs assessment project involves a scoping stage, further resource implications may be identified when this stage has been conducted. Resource implications related to the production of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment in 2014/15 will be identified as part of the planning stage in 2013/14.

#### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 In order to identify priorities for the rolling programme of needs assessments for 2013/14, the following were considered:
- Recommendations of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
  - Engagement with health, adult social care, children's and housing commissioners
  - Recommendations of Scrutiny Reports
  - New statutory obligations for the Health and Wellbeing Board

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The resources required to complete this work are provided for within the 2013/14 public health budget of £18.2 million.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley*

*Date: 23/05/13*

##### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (s196) requires the function of preparing a JSNA to be discharged by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The recommendations in this report are consistent with this requirement. S218A of the NHS Act 2006 (as amended) and the NHS Pharmaceutical Services and Local Services Regulations 2013 require Health and Wellbeing Boards to develop and update pharmaceutical needs assessments from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 as set out in this report.

*Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Culbert*

*Date: 23/05/13*

#### Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The City Needs Assessment Steering Group, including equalities leads for BHCC & NHS Brighton & Hove, has strengthened the city needs assessment guidance to include equalities strands. Strategies using the evidence in the needs assessment may require an EIA but not the needs assessment. Equalities implications should be considered in all needs assessments; however it is worth noting the relevance of the Trans needs assessment and homeless audit in tackling health inequalities in vulnerable groups.

#### Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Sustainability related issues are important determinants of health & wellbeing and these are integrated in the summary. The JSNA will support commissioners to consider sustainability issues. There is a close link between the JSNA and the One Planet Living priorities, and these are informing implementation of this initiative.

#### Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None

#### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 None

#### Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 The rolling programme of needs assessments sets out the key health and wellbeing and inequalities issues for the city and so supports commissioners across the city in considering these issues in policy, commissioning & delivering services.

#### Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 This supports the city's duty for the City Council and CCGs to work in partnership and produce a JSNA.

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

- 6.1 Not applicable

### **7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 It is a statutory duty imposed upon Local Authorities and CCG's to produce the JSNA. It is a core function of the Health and Wellbeing Board to approve the JSNA process from April 2013.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

None

### **Documents in Members' Rooms**

None

### **Background Documents**

1. Homeless Link Health Needs Audit. Details available at:  
<http://homeless.org.uk/health-needs-audit>
2. Department of Health. Pharmaceutical needs assessments: Information Pack for local authority Health and Wellbeing Boards. May 2013 available at  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/197634/Pharmaceutical\\_Needs\\_Assessment\\_Information\\_Pack.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/197634/Pharmaceutical_Needs_Assessment_Information_Pack.pdf)