

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

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| MEETING:                                   | Health and Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel |
| MEETING DATE:                              | 27/07/2012   |
| TITLE:                                     | Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)                    |
| WARD:                                      | ALL  |
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### **1 THE ISSUE**

1.1 There is a new statutory requirement for the local authority to conduct research activity. This is called the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The JSNA and aims to provide the big picture about current and future needs of the Bath and North East Somerset population. Our JSNA has been produced in partnership between the Public Health Team and Policy and Partnerships. This report and accompanying presentation outlines the process undertaken and highlights key findings.

### **2 RECOMMENDATION**

The Health and Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

2.1 Note the process and findings of the JSNA.

2.2 Consider how the JSNA can be used as an evidence to effectively support future scrutiny activity.

2.3 Consider who else needs to be told about the JSNA and sources of information which should be included in future updates.

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The JSNA has been produced by re-tasking existing council and NHS resources.
- 3.2 The document underpins the Clinical Commissioning Groups Plan and the emerging Health and Wellbeing Strategy which will both have an impact on long term budget setting and prioritisation. In the longer term we are planning to promote the document as a reference point for service and financial planning.

### **4 THE REPORT**

#### **Background**

- 4.1 The requirement to conduct a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment has been placed on local authorities under the Health and Social Care bill, however the requirements on exactly what a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is are quite broad. As a result, a local approach has tried to take best practice from elsewhere and take the local audience into account. As a result it is not a static, many-page document, but instead a process covering a range of topics, issues and is available in a range of documents.

#### **Content**

- 4.2 The JSNA contains a wide range of local statistical data gathered from national sources and local databases; local opinions gathered from existing consultations and engagement exercises and also data gathered from performance management systems. It is designed to highlight positive features of the area as well as more traditional medical 'needs'.
- 4.3 In order to make the data accessible we have started to produce short annual summaries of JSNA information and a continually updating "Technical Summary" including more detail on sources,
- 4.4 The main document looks at data according to headings based on how services are arranged or by broad topic areas, these are:
- Population and demographic change
  - Mortality and life expectancy
  - Long term conditions and disability
  - Mental health
  - Safeguarding
  - Carers
  - Service use & quality
  - Health Improvement & protection
  - Lifestyle Determinants
    - Pregnancy and Maternity
    - Child Health
    - Obesity, physical activity & diet
    - Smoking
    - Poisoning
    - Alcohol
    - Illicit substance misuse
  - Social determinants and wider wellbeing
    - Education

- Not in education training or employment (NEET)
- Child Poverty & Social Inequalities
- Benefits and Employment
- Housing
- Stronger Communities
- Crime and Disorder
- Cultural Activities
- Climate Change
- The Natural and Built Environment
- Air Quality

4.5 In addition, the summarising process identified a number of cross-cutting issues or 'themes' which sit across a number of topics:

- (1) Ageing Population
- (2) Complex Families
- (3) People Experiencing Multiple Needs
- (4) Social and economic differences (inequalities)
- (5) Rural areas

### **Next Steps**

4.6 We will be making the JSNA documents and as much of the underlying data as possible available on-line at our web-site [www.bathnes.gov.uk/jsna](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/jsna), which will be up and running with the new Council web-pages. We can also attend meetings and conduct briefings on particular subjects of interest.

4.7 We will be producing ongoing updates to the main document and will be producing annual summaries on or around April each year.

4.8 We also acknowledge that there are gaps in our knowledge and the JSNA will never be able to hold everything, but if there are studies we're missing, or if something doesn't feel right, then the JSNA team can be contacted on [research@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:research@bathnes.gov.uk) (01225 477230).

## **5 RISK MANAGEMENT**

5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

## **6 EQUALITIES**

6.1. An EqIA has not been completed as the JSNA is not a corporate strategy document and does not make direct recommendations for action. However an equalities specific summary has been prepared to support the organisation in grounding EqiAs in local evidence.

## **7 CONSULTATION**

7.1 Cabinet Member; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer

7.2 Information gathered from public engagement is a critical element to the JSNA, and the new Healthwatch engagement member will have a statutory responsibility to input. As the JSNA process develops we will be investigating more ways of getting existing public engagement information fed into the process. In addition, an aim of the web-portal is to ensure that local information can reach the communities who have need of it.

## **8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION**

*8.1 Social Inclusion; Young People; Human Rights; Corporate; Other Legal Considerations*

## **9 ADVICE SOUGHT**

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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| <b>Background papers</b>   | Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2 Page Summary<br>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 15 Page Summary<br>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Technical Summary<br><a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/jsna">www.bathnes.gov.uk/jsna</a> |
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