
JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1.0 Matter for consideration

To consider work underway to update and strengthen the content and value of the JSNA.

“From April 2013, the Local Authority and the Clinical Commissioning Group, together with local HealthWatch, will be required to prepare the JSNA through the Health and Wellbeing Board, undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the current and future needs and assets of their area.”

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategies explained – Commissioning for Populations, Department of Health (2011)

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 To note the report and support the proposals outlined within it.

3.0 Information

3.1 Core documents of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment are currently being updated and refreshed. Chapters 1 and 2 have so far been completed and work is planned for the remaining chapters.

3.2 These core documents are complimented by a suite of additional Health Needs Assessments, including; children, alcohol, drugs and tobacco, learning disabilities in adults, sexual health and cancer.

3.3 There is also a comprehensive work plan in place to extend the intelligence that we have and take forward identified development areas (see Appendix 9a).

3.4 Current areas for development include: -

- To improve intelligence about community assets as well as needs.
- To strengthen links with HealthWatch and the Clinical Commissioning Group.
- To systematically include intelligence about the community’s own perceptions of their health and wellbeing needs and assets in order to understand the capabilities available within communities.

3.5 As a result of Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Commissioners event held in December 2013, we have identified particular actions to improve access and understanding of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and are currently considering a systematic process and tools whereby people’s views and experiences can be included in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

- 3.6 After a prioritisation exercise at the end of the JSNA Commissioners event, three priority areas of work were identified and work has begun on scoping these: -
- a) Social isolation (in neighbourhoods and by interest groups)
 - b) Dementia (scale and intervention)
 - c) Residential / nursing / continuing health care (demand and need)

- 3.7 Work has begun on mapping the assets that we have within communities in Blackpool.

Assets are grouped as: -

- Individuals (e.g. people with gifts, skills, knowledge and experience)
 - Associations - constituted and informal (e.g. groups of people, such as clubs, working with a common interest as volunteers)
 - Institutions (e.g. public sector, private sector, paid voluntary, community, faith sector)
 - Physical Assets (e.g. places and buildings)
 - Connections (e.g. an exchange between people sharing their assets)
- 3.8 A second Joint Strategic Needs Assessment event is currently being planned in partnership with HealthWatch and the Council for Voluntary Services in order to engage the voluntary / community sector. This event will help to raise awareness of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to the sector and encourage use of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for bid writing and business planning. The event will also be an opportunity to begin discussions on how we can use the wealth of qualitative intelligence that they hold on Blackpool communities (views and experiences).

4.0 Financial considerations

- 4.1 There is a need to consider a budget to cover items of expenditure associated with this work. This may include; software licences, consultation and involvement work (e.g. events), and incidental expenses associated with taking forward asset mapping.

5.0 Legal considerations

- 5.1 Blackpool Council is currently in the process of completing an audit exercise in order to evidence compliance with the NHS Information Governance Toolkit, Level 2 – submission should take place in March 2014. This will mean that the Council is able to access a greater range of patient data; including birth and deaths files – for use and inclusion in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

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Appendices attached:

Appendix 9a: Update on JSNA Work Areas (November 2013)
Appendix 9b JSNA Commissioners Event Report (December 2013)

Background papers:

None

Websites and e-mail links for further information:

<http://blackpooljsna.org.uk/>

Glossary: None