

Health and Well Being Board 21 July 2011

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

1. Background

1.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) require Primary Care Trusts and Local Authorities to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) of the health and well-being of their local community.

1.2 As PCTs become abolished, it is anticipated that JSNA will be undertaken by local authorities and GP consortia through the health and wellbeing board.

1.3 The purpose of JSNA is to support improvements to the health and wellbeing of the population by identifying need both over the short term (three to five years) and longer term (five to ten years). JSNA identifies “the big picture” in terms of the health and wellbeing needs and inequalities of a local population. It provides an evidence base for commissioners to commission services according to the needs of the population.

1.4 JSNA is currently proposed as the primary process for identifying needs and building a robust evidence base on which to base local commissioning plans for the Health and Wellbeing board.

1.5 JSNA is expected to be the consistent evidence base that informs the health and wellbeing strategy.

1.6 A JSNA is not a needs assessment of an individual, but a strategic overview of the local community need – either geographically such as local authority / ward or by setting such as GP practice.

1.7 JSNA provides an objective analysis of current and future needs, and includes a range of both quantitative and qualitative data, including user views and community engagement.

1.8 Attached is Torbay’s 2010 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The JSNA identifies 14 top level areas of interest, themed around the LSP community plan. It also includes discussion on using the supporting tools (identified below) and methodologies for identifying the areas of interest.

2. JSNA in Torbay

2.1 In Torbay, JSNA has evolved from an NHS / Local Authority centric assessment to a Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) assessment of population need. Incorporating information from LSP members not only benefits wider LSP members, but also recognises the wider determinants of health.

2.2 Torbay's approach to JSNA recognises the importance that all organisations (statutory, voluntary and community) have in improving the health and wellbeing of Torbay's population.

2.3 Recent JSNA's in Torbay have been delivered through the local intelligence network, i-bay, whilst being led by the Public Health Epidemiologist. Members include Torbay Council, South Devon College, Torbay Development Agency, Job Centre Plus, CVA Torbay, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue.

2.4 The approach to JSNA in Torbay for 2010 onwards has been to remove the 'static document dataset' and move to a dynamic and interactive dataset. The tools that support JSNA in Torbay are set out below.

- The **ward profile tool** gives a summary of 24 indicators per ward in Torbay. These indicators are consistent across all wards and illustrate the variation that exists.
- The **population tool** allows users to look at linear growth models for Torbay compared to wards and GP practices.
- The **ward dataset** provides an interactive dataset across the community plan themes and time.

2.5 Torbay's partnership approach to JSNA has been held up as good practice. Torbay's Public Health Epidemiologist, and key members of the Consultation and Research Team, participated in a series of national workshops exemplifying good practice and peer reviewing JSNA. The outcome is that Torbay's JSNA has been sited within the national toolkit guidance, and has also featured as a specific case study in best practice. Both have been published through the local government improvement and development unit.

3. Summary of key issues for Torbay

- Ageing population
- Economy
- Inequalities
- Child poverty
- Poor health outcomes and behaviours in certain areas

3.1 Greater detail on the areas of interest is given within the attached JSNA report.

4. Recommendation(s)

4.1 Board members note the current, 2010 JSNA for Torbay.

4.2 Members note Torbay's 2010 JSNA, including the interactive set of tools

4.3 A specific briefing session is arranged for members interested in learning more detail on the tools.

4.4 Members are invited to comment on the tools.

4.5 The development of predictive indicators for longer term commissioning is supported by members.

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