

Torbay's Health & Well Being Board – 15th March 2012

Key Strategic Issues and Refreshing Torbay's JSNA

Introduction

Torbay's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is currently being refreshed. As part of this refreshment process members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are invited to add their voice.

This paper introduces the current working copy of Torbay's 2012 JSNA, and also presents the structure for how we can try to understand the key strategic issues in Torbay.

Background

From April 2013, Local Authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups will have equal and explicit obligations to prepare JSNAs; this will be under the governance of the health and well-being board ^[1].

Guidance from the Department of Health suggests that members will collaborate to understand their local community's needs, agree priorities and encourage commissioners to work in a more joined up way ^[2]. As a result, patients and the public should experience more joined-up services from the NHS and local councils in the future ^[2].

Health and wellbeing boards will have strategic influence over commissioning decisions across health, public health and social care. Through undertaking the JSNA, the board will drive local commissioning of health care, social care and public health and create a more effective and responsive local health and care system. Other services that impact on health and wellbeing such as housing and education provision will also be addressed ^[2].

JSNA

The attached 2012 JSNA paper is a draft and evolving document. It aims to provide a narrative of need in Torbay; telling the story of the Torbay population. The report is themed around a life course approach using the outcomes frameworks for Adult Social Care ^[3], the NHS ^[4] and Public Health ^[5]. A life course approach is where the

population needs are considered from the different perspectives along the path of life. For example, the needs of babies and those in their early years will be significantly different to those entering adulthood or entering retirement. Undertaking a life course approach allows understanding of community needs for different age groups now, and also enables suggestions for what future population needs may look like.

Using the aforementioned outcome frameworks presents an opportunity for Torbay's Health and Wellbeing board to understand the indicator sets relating to the boards areas of responsibility.

A life course approach is also about understanding exposures in childhood, adolescence and early adult life and how they influence the risk of disease and socio economic position in later life ^[6]. Understanding the influence of risk in this way may help prevent future generations experiencing some of the illnesses of today.

Results from the workshop session will be included within the 2012 JSNA narrative report.

Key strategic issues - workshop

The objective of the 1 hour workshop, key strategic issues, is to consider the three outcome frameworks indicator sets under each of the life course groups, and identify areas of collective focus.

For the workshop session, members of the board will be split into four groups. Each group will then discuss the outcome indicators identified under that life course group.

The life course groups are:

- Starting well
- Developing well
- Living and working well
- Ageing well

Members will be presented with a table of outcome measures related to the life course group and where possible, information to better understand and contextualise that outcome for Torbay. The table will include a matrix which is being completed as

information becomes available. Members are being asked to contribute to that matrix. Results from the completed matrix will then allow an objective way of constructing a series of key issues and understanding potential priorities for the board.

The matrix asks members to provide their view on whether the public would consider the outcome to be an issue or priority. Further questions around understanding the severity of the outcome and media interpretation are also included.

The three outcome frameworks are due to become operational from April 2012. At this stage not all of the aspirational outcome measures have been constructed. Where the data are missing, members will be asked to discuss within their groups and put forward their perception as community leaders and professionals of the relative importance of that measure for our local population.

Each group will be supported with a Public Health representative and a copy of the indicators related to their life course group.

Members will be asked to:

1. Prioritise within the life course group – add to the quantitative matrix scoring exercise giving a personal perception of relative importance.
2. Discuss a relative position for the life group overall in Torbay compared to other life course groups.
3. Consider the impact of existing collaborative / integration of services and further opportunities.
4. Identify relationships to other boards – is there a relationship for the indicator to either the Jobs Growth Board or the Communities Board.

The results of the workshop will be used to identify preliminary priorities and be used within the narrative JSNA and fed back to the next board.

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