

meeting HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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JOINT REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION AND THE DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA) - NEXT STEPS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. Production of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) has been a statutory duty since 2008. Initially this duty was placed upon upper tier Local Authority and Primary Care Trusts. The proposed NHS Bill will transfer this duty to upper tier Local Authorities and GP Consortia.
2. The Health and Social Care Bill also proposes that the JSNA will underpin the development of a Health and Wellbeing Strategy. A detailed paper on the structures and processes and necessary resources required to produce a JSNA over the longer term is currently being drafted for the local Health and Local Government Transition Group.
3. This paper outlines the scope of the review during this year.

INFORMATION AND ADVICE

4. National guidance was originally released in December 2007, which offered a national minimum dataset and stressed the need to engage all partners and the public. This duty has not only been achieved but exceeded in Nottinghamshire. External feedback from the Strategic Health Authority and East Midlands Public Health Observatory has been very positive with respect to the Nottinghamshire JSNA.
5. The JSNA is not, however, a one-off process but should be continuous, reflecting local need over time. It should also sit alongside other joint need assessments such as that for crime and disorder.

6. To oversee the development and co-ordination of the Nottinghamshire JSNA there has been a JSNA Steering Group which has successfully achieved the outcomes below:
 - JSNA reports produced in 4 chapters:
 - Children and Young People
 - Adults and Vulnerable groups
 - Older People
 - Summary chapter.
 - Reports available in hard copy and on-line.
 - National minimum dataset exceeded with data benchmarked wherever possible.
 - Wide consultation/feedback with stakeholders, services, users and carers.
 - Equality Impact Assessment completed.
 - Development of Local Information System between Nottinghamshire County Council and NHS Nottinghamshire County and NHS Bassetlaw Primary Care Trusts
 - Other appropriate needs assessments have been linked to the main JSNA forming a library of information.
 - Ongoing audit/quality assurance of the JSNA process.
7. The existing four JSNA chapters are relatively high level in nature. Therefore, in addition, the JSNA has created a library of more detailed needs assessment papers on specific priority areas.
8. Oversight of the JSNA has been through a cross agency steering group who have identified the following priority areas for review:
 - To update the Children and Young Peoples chapter during 2010/11
 - Develop the JSNA Local Information System for implementation in 2011/12. This system is to be called ALLAN (ALL About Notts). This will be an interactive information site initially for Commissioning Staff but phase 2 will be more public facing
 - Complete the Child Poverty and Pharmacy Needs Assessments
 - To complete an Equality Impact Assessment and identify gaps.

NEXT STEPS

9. It is proposed that the focus of a review of the JSNA should ensure that:
 - (a) The information is up to date and is therefore able to inform the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Consortia and local government commissioning plans.
 - (b) The review takes place alongside the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy to ensure that they are complementary.
 - (c) The JSNA takes account of the views of the Board and commissioning in respect of priorities and local need.
10. A review on this basis would:
 - (a) Allow progress with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy to be made more promptly.
 - (b) Enable more detailed needs assessments to be made more promptly.
 - (c) Allow detailed needs assessments to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board as a rolling programme to form part of the agenda for board development.
11. A longer term proposal on the management of the JSNA and the resource implications will be brought to a future Board meeting.

STATUTORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of the implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder and those using the service and where such implications are material they have been described in the text of the report.

RECOMMENDATION

13. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board approve the review of the JSNA as outlined in the report.

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Financial Comments of the Service Director (Finance) (RWK 17/06.2011)

14. Longer term proposals regarding the future for the JSNA will be presented at a future Health and Wellbeing Board. Any additional financial costs arising from these proposals and their funding will be contained in this report.

Legal Services Comments (LMc 14/06/2011)

15. The Health and Wellbeing Board has delegated authority to approve the recommendations in the report.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

16. None.

Electoral Divisions Affected

17. Nottinghamshire.

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