

6 March 2019

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

APPROVAL OF THE JSNA CHAPTER – AVOIDABLE INJURIES IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Purpose of the Report

1. To request that the Health and Wellbeing Board approve the new Nottinghamshire Avoidable Injuries in Children and Young People Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Chapter.
2. This report contains an executive summary of the chapter. The Board will be approving the full chapter which is available as an appendix to this report and for review [here on Nottinghamshire Insight](#).

Information

3. Avoidable injuries refer to injury that occurs as a result of ‘accidents’, whereby the injury is not deliberately caused and could have been avoided. Avoidable injuries tend to occur either in the home, on the roads, or during leisure activities. In children and young people (CYP), avoidable injuries are a serious public health issue and a leading cause of death and hospital admission in the United Kingdom (Public Health England 2018). In England and Wales avoidable injuries are the second most common cause of childhood death (age 1–4) and results in substantial long term physical disability and emotional distress. The impact and consequences of avoidable injuries are major contributors to health inequalities amongst children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds and these children are at significant increased risk. Most injuries are preventable and strategies to prevent injuries are usually relatively inexpensive to implement and are shown to have a beneficial return on investment (Public Health England 2018).
4. This topic was previously covered in other JSNA chapters, the Road Safety (2013) and Children and Young People (2013). This is the first time a detailed JSNA chapter has been written on avoidable injuries in Children and Young People.
5. The chapter provides an insight into the local prevalence of avoidable injuries that occur in the home, on the road and in leisure time. The chapter gives an overview of current service provision and assets as well as the evidence of effective interventions. It identifies unmet needs and knowledge gaps and reflects on potential developments and changes relating to avoidable injuries. A series of recommendations are made for stakeholders across the health system to consider.

6. This chapter does not focus on domestic abuse, suicide prevention or self-harm as they are covered in other published documents. Further information can be found on the Nottinghamshire Insight [website](#).
7. This JSNA chapter has been endorsed by the Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Children's Avoidable Injury Strategy Group.

Unmet needs and service gaps

8. An overview of the unmet needs and service gaps identified in this chapter include:
 - The sustainability of the home safety equipment schemes in Nottinghamshire to prevent injuries in the home.
 - Opportunity to increase secondary prevention of child injuries in the home.

Knowledge gaps

9. There are some gaps in current knowledge, these include:
 - Data regarding children who are treated at home, in primary care and walk in centres are currently unavailable and therefore the full extent to injuries in the home is not known.
 - Data relating to water based incidents and near misses are not routinely recorded and therefore the full extent of incidents that happen in and around water is not currently known.
 - There is a lack of knowledge concerning the healthcare costs associated with drowning incidents, sports injuries or injuries obtained in playgrounds.

Recommendations for consideration by commissioners

10. The recommendations identify key changes needed to address key avoidable injury priorities for Children and Young People in Nottinghamshire County. In most cases they represent measures that should be taken alongside or in addition to current arrangements and levels of investment.

Recommendation	Lead(s)
General	
Ensure there is a mechanism for strategic leadership and coordination between agencies with responsibilities that contribute to preventing avoidable injuries in children in the home, on the roads and in leisure time.	Strategic group members
The approach to commissioning future avoidable injuries intervention must consider reducing inequalities.	Local Authority and NHS Commissioners
The approach to the commissioning and delivery of future interventions must consider a range or combination of interventions e.g. education, advice and home safety equipment service delivery.	Local Authority and NHS Commissioners

Consider how best to incorporate local views in future strategies.	Strategic group members
In the home	
Exploration of funding to continue the delivery of home safety equipment scheme in Nottinghamshire beyond 2020.	Nottinghamshire County Public Health
When commissioning home equipment safety schemes, standardised home safety advice should be provided to families alongside the home safety equipment.	Local Authority and NHS Commissioners
Implement evidence based, standardised, age appropriate home safety messages across the system	Strategic group members
Re-establishment of home safety sub group of the Children's Avoidable Injury Strategic Group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to support delivery of and learning from the home safety equipment scheme. Establish governance, process and accountability Identify Chair and lead 	Nottinghamshire County Public Health and identified Strategic group members
Partners to explore ways to improve ability to recognise risk and improve secondary prevention.	Strategic group members
On the road	
Continue the programme of casualty reductionschemes on Nottinghamshire's roads.	Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership
Continue the provision and maintenance of safety cameras on Nottinghamshire's roads.	Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership
There should be consideration of the allocation of resources to reduce cyclist road casualties which are significantly higher in Nottinghamshire than the national average.	Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership
Continue to support the delivery of the evidence based, data lead road safety education programme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure delivery on ages/areas with greatest evidence for need, for example children ages 11-15 years There should be a focus on geographical areas with higher rates of children aged 0-15 years killed or seriously injured on the roads 	Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership

Leisure Activities	
The development of a Leisure Safety Action plan pulling together established and newly formed working groups including Nottinghamshire Safety Education Partnership (including Rail Safety) and the Nottinghamshire Water Safety Partnership.	Members of Strategic group and members of working groups

Other Options Considered

11. The recommendations are based on the current evidence available and will be used to inform decision making processes

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. The chapter has been written to reflect current local issues.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

14. There are none arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

15. That the Health and Wellbeing Board approves the Nottinghamshire Avoidable Injuries in Children and Young People Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Chapter.

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Constitutional Comments (LW 29/01/2019)

16. The Health and Wellbeing Board is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (DG 30/01/2019)

17. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 14 of this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- [Draft JSNA chapter: Avoidable Injuries Children and Young People](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All