



Although a formal committee of the city council, the Health & Wellbeing Board has a remit which includes matters relating to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the Local Safeguarding Board for Children and Health Watch. Papers come from a variety of sources. The format for Health & Wellbeing Board papers is consequently different from papers submitted to the city council for exclusive city council business.

1. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Update

- 1.1 The contents of this paper can be shared with the general public.
- 1.2 This paper is for the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting on the 9th December 2014.
- 1.3 This paper was written by:

Kate Gilchrist, Head of Public Health Intelligence, Brighton & Hove City Council.

Email: Kate.gilchrist@brighton-hove.gov.uk Tel: 01273 290457

Alistair Hill, Consultant in Public Health, Brighton & Hove City Council.

Email: Alistair.hill@brighton-hove.gov.uk Tel: 01273 296560

2. Summary

- 2.1 From April 2013, local authorities and clinical commissioning groups have had equal and explicit obligations to prepare a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) which provides a comprehensive analysis of current and future needs of local people to inform commissioning of services that will improve outcomes and reduce inequalities. This duty is discharged by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.2 The purpose of this item is to outline to the Board the local approach to needs assessment, to update the Board on progress with the JSNA since the last report in September 2013 and to ask the Board to approve the summary updates for publication, to

approve the planned needs assessment for 2015, along with the plan for updating the summary sections on a three year rolling basis.

3. Decisions, recommendations and any options

- 3.1 That the Board notes its duty to publish a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) under the 2012 Health and Social Care Act: that from April 2013 councils and CCGs have equal and explicit obligations to prepare a JSNA and that this duty is discharged by Health and Wellbeing Boards.
- 3.2 That the Board approve that a needs assessment for emotional and mental wellbeing of children and young people be conducted in 2015, as set out in section 4.5.3.
- 3.3 That the Board approves the 2014 JSNA summary section updates (Appendix) for publication.
- 3.4 That the Board approves the plan for updating the 84 summary sections on a rolling basis, as set out in section 4.6.2, with the development of the programme delegated the City Needs Assessment Steering Group.

4. Relevant information

- 4.1 **What is needs assessment?** The needs assessment process aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of current and future needs of local people to inform commissioning of services that will improve outcomes and reduce inequalities.

4.1.1 To do this, needs assessments should gather together local data, evidence from the public, patients, service users and professionals, plus a review of research and best practice. Needs assessments bring these elements together to look at unmet needs, inequalities and overprovision of services. They also point those who commission or provide services towards how they can improve outcomes for local people.

4.1.2 The common name for these needs assessments is Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Joint reflects that they should be carried out jointly by the NHS and councils as a requirement, but in terms of good practice should also include others locally with expertise to offer. Strategic reflects that they should be about providing the 'big picture' in terms of identifying local needs.



4.2 National policy and guidance: Publishing a JSNA has been a statutory requirement for Councils and NHS since 2007. From April 2013 councils and CCGs have equal and explicit obligations to prepare a JSNA under the 2012 Health and Social Care Act this duty is discharged by Health and Wellbeing Boards.¹

4.2.2 Department of Health guidance signalled an enhanced role for JSNAs to support effective commissioning for health, care and public health as well as influencing the wider determinants that influence health and wellbeing, such as housing and education.

4.2.3 **Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy:** The Health and Wellbeing Board jointly agree what the greatest issues are for local people based on the evidence in the JSNA in their Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Strategy sets these out, along with what the Board will do to address them and what outcomes it intends to achieve.

4.3 Our local approach: In Brighton & Hove the scope of the JSNA has, and continues to, widen. It has moved from a summary of health status to encompass the wider determinants of health, such as education and housing, and to cover the needs and assets of different population groups. The JSNA now represents the key city wide intelligence resource that looks at the needs of the population to help plan, commission and deliver services to those who need them most.

There are three elements to the needs assessment resources available across the city:

Overarching documents: The JSNA summary, the City Snapshot and Annual Reports of the Director of Public Health

4.3.1 The JSNA summary gives a high level overview of Brighton & Hove's population and its health and wellbeing needs. It informs the development of strategic planning and identification of local priorities, as well as commissioning and service provision.

4.3.2 The information is primarily drawn from the city's needs assessment portfolio, which includes the Annual Reports of the

¹ Department of Health. Statutory guidance published on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies. 2013. Available at: <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/jsnas-jhwss-guidance-published/> [Accessed 27/11/2014]



Director of Public Health along with specific needs assessments and strategies. The JSNA summary is also used for the City Snapshot Report, published earlier in 2014, which provides high level facts and figures about the city.

Rolling programme of comprehensive needs assessments on a specific theme or population group

4.3.3 These form part of a portfolio of resources for the city. Themes may relate to specific issues e.g. dementia, or population groups e.g. trans. Needs assessments are publicly available and include recommendations to inform commissioning such as the dementia needs assessment which underpins the dementia action plan agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Community Insight - the information resource for the city, supported by Brighton & Hove Connected

4.3.4 Brighton & Hove Connected (<http://www.bhconnected.org.uk/content/local-intelligence>) is the Strategic Partnership data and information resource for those living and working in Brighton & Hove. The JSNA summary, comprehensive needs assessments and supporting data and evidence are published on this website. Community Insight provides local data and maps on the population of the city <http://brighton-hove.communityinsight.org/>.

4.3.5 **Other key elements in our local approach**

- **Inequalities and protected groups:** The summaries and in depth needs assessments systematically identified local inequalities in terms of equalities groups, geography and socio-economic status. In addition, there are summary sections which bring together the needs of protected groups.
- **Joint Strategic Assets Assessment:** in addition to reflecting a needs based approach, our JSNA process aims to identify the assets and strengths of communities that influence health and wellbeing and which can be supported in order to achieve improve outcomes.
- **Voice:** The voice of professionals, patients, service users and the public provides important evidence for the JSNA. Where we do not currently have this evidence it is included in 'what we don't know'.



- **What we don't know:** Where there is a lack of local data, if possible, other studies and evidence have been used to produce estimates for the city. Where this is the case, or where there are complete gaps, it is clearly identified.
- **Local consultation:** Wider engagement is central to the JSNA. Each in depth needs assessment has considerable engagement with the public and professionals.

4.4 City needs assessment steering group: A steering group oversees the programme of needs assessments. Membership includes the Clinical Commissioning Group, HealthWatch, Public Health, Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Communities Equality & Third Sector team, Housing, Community Works, Sussex Police and the two universities.

4.5 In depth needs assessments

4.5.1 The following additional needs assessments have been published in 2014 and are available at

<http://www.bhconnected.org.uk/content/needs-assessments:>

- Dementia
- Homeless health audit

4.5.2 Needs assessments currently in progress are:

- **Trans needs assessment** delivered as part of the Trans Equality Action Plan.
- **Pharmaceutical needs assessment:** draft presented at the October 2014 Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

4.5.3 **Priorities for 2015 needs assessment (for approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board):** In addition to the Trans and PNA, which will report in 2015, priorities for future needs assessment have been reviewed with the Needs Assessment Steering Group members, as well as Public Health, CCG, Adult Social Care, Children's services. This process has been informed by future strategic and commissioning priorities. **It is recommended that a needs assessment on the emotional health and mental wellbeing of children and young people is prioritised.**

4.5.3.1 Emotional health and wellbeing, including children and young people, is a current priority area for the Health and



Wellbeing Board (highlighted by the local Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the recent publication of Happiness: Brighton & Hove Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy).

4.5.3.2 The needs assessment will support the Clinical Commissioning Group in its review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) but will be broader than solely considering mental health services.

4.6 Summary updates

4.6.1 2014 summary updates (for approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board): In 2014 a small number of sections were updated to reflect evidence from the in depth needs assessment completed in the previous year. These are available in the Appendix to this paper. The updates will be published on the needs assessment site: <http://www.bhconnected.org.uk/content/needs-assessments>. The updated summary sections are:

- Children and young people with autistic spectrum conditions (following recommendations from the 2014 Overview and Scrutiny Committee)
- Gender identity and trans people (updated to reflect that the comprehensive needs assessment is currently in progress)
- Dementia (updated to reflect the comprehensive needs assessment published in 2014)
- Homelessness and rough sleepers (updated to reflect the homeless health audit published in 2014)
- Ageing well (updated to reflect the Adult Social Care Market Position Statement – previous ageing well and Adult Social Care sections combined due to overlap)
- Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy
- Main causes of death

4.6.2 Planned approach for 2015 (for approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board): The shadow Board previously agreed that all summary sections should be updated in 2013 to reflect new evidence from the 2012 Health Counts Survey, the 2011 Census and to include a call for evidence from the community and voluntary sector but signalled this would not be required each year.

- 4.6.2.1 To make the best use of limited officer resource across the City Council, and partners, we are proposing to update sections as part of a rolling programme with each section updated at least once every third year.
- 4.6.2.2 It is suggested that the development of the programme for these updates is delegated to the City Needs Assessment Steering Group.
- 4.6.2.3 Sections that have already been identified to be updated in 2015 include:
- Good nutrition and food poverty (following recommendation from October 2014 Policy and Resources Committee);
 - Trans (to reflect the completed comprehensive needs assessment); and
 - Primary Care (to reflect changes in GP surgery provision locally and compare with up to date demographic needs data).

5. Important considerations and implications

5.1 Legal

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (s196) requires the function of preparing a JSNA to be discharged by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The recommendations in this report are consistent with this requirement.

S218A of the NHS Act 2006 (as amended) and the NHS Pharmaceutical Services and Local Services Regulations 2013 require Health and Wellbeing Boards to develop and update pharmaceutical needs assessments from 1st April 2015.

Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Culbert Date: 10th November 2014

5.2 Finance

The resources required to support this work are funded by the ring-fenced public health grant and will be reflected within the 2015/16 public health budget.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley Date: 12/11/14

5.3 Equalities

The City Needs Assessment Steering Group, including equalities leads for BHCC & NHS Brighton & Hove, has strengthened the city



needs assessment guidance to include equalities strands. Strategies using the evidence in the needs assessment may require an EIA but not the needs assessment. Equalities implications are considered in all needs assessments; however it is worth noting the relevance of the trans needs assessment and homeless audit in tackling health inequalities in vulnerable groups.

5.4 **Sustainability**

5.4.1 No implications

5.4.2 Sustainability related issues are important determinants of health & wellbeing and these are integrated in the summary. The JSNA will support commissioners to consider sustainability issues.

5.5 **Health, social care, children's services and public health**

5.5.1 The JSNA summary sets out the key health and wellbeing and inequalities issues for the city and so supports commissioners across the city in considering these issues in policy, commissioning & delivering services.

5.5.2 Children Services, Adult Social Care and the CCG are part of the City Needs Assessment Steering Group and have agreed to the suggested needs assessments for 2015 and signed off the summaries updated in 2014.

6 **Supporting documents and information**

The JSNA 2014 summary updates are available in the Appendix.

The published needs assessments are available at:

<http://www.bhconnected.org.uk/content/needs-assessments>

Community Insight is available at: <http://brighton-hove.communityinsight.org/>

Appendix: 2014 JSNA Summary Updates:

