

Reviewing York's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Background

1. A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a comprehensive local picture of the health and wellbeing needs of a population; in this case it is for all the people who live in York. The JSNA informs the development of future strategies, helps decide local priorities, and influence how money allocated is spent.
2. Following the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Local Authorities and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) have equal and joint duties to prepare JSNAs, through the health and wellbeing board. From 2015, Health and Wellbeing Boards are also required to prepare and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) by 1st April 2015.
3. This report will focus on York's JSNA which should be regularly reviewed and updated. We will consider the arrangements for the PNA later in the year, as this is a longer term issue.

York's Current JSNA

4. York's current Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was published in March 2012. The JSNA gave a clear message that we need to:
 - Focus on reducing the impact of ill-health and falls in older people, providing system-wide and community-based responses to people long term conditions and in preventing admissions to hospital.
 - Undertake work to establish a full and holistic picture of mental health needs across the whole population.
 - Determine the health and wellbeing needs of the following groups of people: the Gypsy and Traveller community, looked after children, teenage mothers, people misusing substances, people who are unemployed, older adults including those with dementia

and carers) in order to inform future planning and commissioning activity.

5. Its overarching findings and recommendations form the basis of our Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and its partnerships.
6. Since the JSNA was published in March 2012, a number of new information about our local population has been released, including statistics from the 2011 Census. Some of this information shows a significant change in our population. For example, York's Black and Minority Ethnic community has increased to 9.8%, from 4.9% in the 2001 Census. However, we expect only marginal changes for other data sets about the health and wellbeing of our local population. In this respect, the JSNA remains current and adequately highlights the major health and wellbeing challenges for York.

Refreshing the JSNA

7. The current JSNA remains relevant - it supports a nationally recognised Health and Wellbeing Strategy, its delivery and informs the work of York's Health and Wellbeing Board. In the longer term we would like to see a further transformation of the JSNA to a living web based resource. In the short term, we recommend a light refresh of the current JSNA to update data sets, such as the 2011 Census, as well as addressing the priority issues highlighted above (see paragraph 4).
8. In order to develop our understanding of mental health and the health and wellbeing needs of specific groups, we recommend that five detailed needs assessments be carried out:

a. Mental Health

A comprehensive review of mental health needs in the city, including loneliness, is carried out, led by the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership Board. This is a large scale review that requires further scoping.

b. Young People

A review of the health and wellbeing of adolescent young people, aged between 13 and 25, led by YorOK (the children and young people's partnership board).

This review could be focused on vulnerable groups or specific issues, for example, young people who are homeless, substance misuse, teenage pregnancies, alcohol and transitions.

c. Frail elderly

A review of care pathways for the frail elderly, led by the Older People and People with Long Term Conditions Partnership Board. Mapping care pathways for the frail elderly is part of our ongoing work to integrate health and social care.

d. Gypsies and travellers

A review of the health and wellbeing needs of travellers in the city, led by the Health Inequalities Partnership Board. This work is already being progressed by York’s Public Health Team.

e. People in poverty

A cross-cutting piece of work, which is being progressed through the Poverty Action Steering Group.

9. These five detailed needs assessments will sit under the updated JSNA and together they will form our continually developing suite of health and wellbeing population information, ‘Health and Wellbeing in York’.

A summary of the proposed JSNA refresh and needs assessments:

Needs assessment	Lead organisation/ partnership	Expected date of completion
Light refresh of JSNA	Public Health Team, with input from all organisations on the Health and Wellbeing Board	September
Mental health review	Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership Board	To be confirmed – a longer term review Further scoping required.
Young People (adolescents) needs assessment	YorOK	September
Frail elderly - pathways	Older People and People with Long Term Conditions Partnership Board	December

Gypsies and travellers	Health Inequalities Partnership Board	October
People in poverty	Poverty Action Steering Group	September

Options to consider

10. The Board may want to consider the following options:

a. Linking with the East Riding and North Yorkshire JSNAs.

Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group (VOYCCG) covers a wider area than York. Their population includes people who live in the East Riding and North Yorkshire. It is recommended that to support the VOYCCG with their service planning, we should join up the three JSNAs from the three local authorities. Once each local authority has refreshed their JSNA, the common needs across the three areas and any specific needs for an area can be identified.

b. The presentation of needs assessments to the Health and Wellbeing Board

The light refresh of the current JSNA and the detailed needs assessments (with the exception of the mental health assessment) are expected to be completed by the end of 2013. These findings can be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board together, as a suite of documents, or they could be presented at different Board meetings. Board meetings could be themed to allow more detailed discussion and debate around some of our most vulnerable populations and those who experience lower health outcomes.

Council Plan

11. The proposals in this paper have particular relevance to the 'Building Strong Communities' and 'Protecting Vulnerable People' strands of the Council plan.

Implications

Financial

12. The JSNA and detailed needs assessments will influence service planning and commissioning decisions. The health and wellbeing board will not take specific decisions on services or commissioning,

however they will set the strategic direction for health and wellbeing services over in the future.

Human Resources (HR)

13. No HR implications

Equalities

14. The JSNA may well affect access to service provision. Decisions about accessing specific services will not be taken by the Board. Addressing health inequalities and targeting more resource towards the greatest need should positively impact on equalities. The difference in life expectancy between communities in York is an overarching aim of the Health and Wellbeing Board and its partnership boards.

Legal

15. No legal implications

Crime and Disorder

16. No crime and disorder implications

Information Technology (IT)

17. No IT implications

Property

18. No Property implications

Other

19. No other implications

Risk Management

20. There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this paper.

Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- a. Confirm that a light refresh of the current JSNA be carried out as per the proposals set out in this report.
- a. Agree that a more detailed needs assessment be carried out for the following:
 1. Mental health
 2. Young people
 3. Travellers
 4. Frail elderly
 5. Anti-poverty (cross-cutting)

Reason: To fulfil its duty to understand the health and wellbeing needs of the local population, by preparing and publishing a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

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A. Wards Affected:

All

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Annexes

None