

Report of the Interim Director of Public Health and the Director of Adults, Children and Education

## **JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR YORK**

### **Summary**

1. This paper introduces the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for York and asks members to accept the report, make recommendations for how those recommendations which relate to City of York Council should be taken forward, in the context of likely changes to the council's health and wellbeing responsibilities.

### **Background**

2. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is a process that identifies current and future health and wellbeing needs of a local population, informing the priorities and targets and leading to shared commissioning priorities that will improve outcomes and reduce health inequalities.
3. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) places a duty on upper tier authorities and PCTs to undertake Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Specifically the expectation is that the Directors of Adult Services, Children's Services and Public Health should jointly lead the process, in collaboration with Directors of Commissioning and should be responsible for presenting the findings and recommendations.
4. This JSNA is produced at a time of considerable changes in policy and organisational roles/arrangements. A growing number of councils and PCTs are becoming interested in the potential for greater integration between their organisations. Mounting pressure on resources, increased demand on public services and the need to improve outcomes are all key drivers towards integration. Working more closely with partners will be an attractive and potentially vital part of achieving outcomes more effectively and using resources more efficiently. Integration also opens up the potential for efficiency savings to be realised in a variety of ways; through better joint commissioning and more joined up delivery of services as well as through organisational and structural changes. The White Paper "Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS" published on 12 July is described by many as the most important redirection of the NHS in more than a generation. New roles for GP consortiums in commissioning services and with the abolition of

PCTs an expanded role for local authorities taking on responsibility for aspects of public health and health improvement. More details on the implications of these changes will follow in a report to Executive at an October 2010 meeting but for York the changes are consistent with the existing drive across existing partners for more localised and integrated commissioning arrangements. Integrated commissioning which has to respond to a strong evidence base and clear understanding of need. The JSNA is a key document for existing and developing partnership arrangements.

## **Consultation**

5. The JSNA has been developed under the remit of the Healthy City Board which includes key City of York Council members and staff and partners including NHS North Yorkshire & York, York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, York Health Group (Practice Based Commissioning Group), York Council for Voluntary Services, local patient and voluntary sector representatives and York St John University. Its development has built on the 2008 process and involved many interested parties from across the city.

## **Options**

6. The Executive is asked to accept the findings of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and to support implementation through:
  - ensuring that the data and analysis contained within it are used to influence the next Corporate Strategy and relevant Directorate Plans
  - asking the Healthy City Board, as a sub-board of the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership to ensure that partnership recommendations are implemented

## **Analysis**

7. Generally the health and wellbeing of residents of York remains very good in relation to the rest of the country. However, we still see inequalities in the determinants and outcomes of health for vulnerable groups and unhealthy lifestyles still impact on a proportion of the population.

The key messages from the JSNA are:

- We need to understand and adapt to changing ethnic populations.
- Community cohesion is strong for many groups including older people and those with disabilities.
- Low proportions are concerned about drunkenness or drug use.
- Deprivation is low overall and getting lower and there are low levels of children in poverty.
- Levels of homelessness are reducing
- A minority of areas experience deprivation, lower levels of cohesion and fuel poverty

- Although the recession has had an impact in York, it is less than elsewhere.
- We see very positive education results at all ages and the gap in attainment is closing
- Fewer people smoke than elsewhere in the region. Deaths due to smoking are lower than the national average and reducing.
- York compares well on healthy eating but there is still more to be done.
- The picture on alcohol is mixed with local levels, although good in comparison to national rates, higher than we would like.
- Recent figures suggest improvements in physical activity levels for adults.
- Teenage pregnancy rates are improving
- Although childhood obesity levels are improving at reception age, we have seen a slight increase at Year 6.
- Overall death rates are low but there remain differences in life expectancy for those in the most deprived areas, particularly men.
- Death rates from coronary heart disease, stroke and cancer are all better than national averages and have fallen substantially over the last 13 years.
- Respiratory disease appears to be reducing in men, but rates for women remain around the national average.
- Dental health is relatively good for adults and children, but there remain concerns around access.
- We have a better collective understanding of the numbers and needs of people with physical and sensory impairment and those with learning disabilities in York.
- It is estimated that around 36,000 people in York have mental health problems. There are predicted to be large increases in the number of people with dementia.
- More older people are helped to live at home in York than the national average, but access to intermediate care remains a priority.
- More carers are involved in planning services.

## **Corporate Objectives**

8. This supports the City of York Council priority to 'improve the health and lifestyles of people who live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest'.

## **Implications**

- **Financial** - There are no direct financial implications. Implementation of the recommendations would be considered within the usual service planning and budget process.

- **Human Resources (HR)** – There are no HR implications.
- **Equalities** - The report considers equalities from a health perspective.
- **Legal** – There are no legal implications.
- **Crime and Disorder** – The report covers alcohol and substance misuse which can have an impact on crime and disorder.
- **Information Technology (IT)** – There are no IT implications.
- **Property** – There are no property implications.
- **Other** – All other implications have been included within the report.

## **Risk Management**

9. Whilst the production and approval of a document called a JSNA may not in itself present considerable risks, the use of the document to inform directorate/partnership and commissioning priorities carries with it powerful opportunities and as a result considerable risks. Those risks are mitigated by the consultation process around the document and the strength of the evidence base contained within it.

## **Recommendations**

10. Members are asked to accept the findings of the 2010 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and to support implementation by:
  - ensuring that the data and analysis contained within it are used to influence the next Corporate Strategy and relevant Directorate Plans
  - asking the Healthy City Board, as a sub-board of the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership to ensure that partnership recommendations are fully implemented.

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:**

All

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**Background Papers:**

### Annexes

Annex 1 – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment City of York 2010