

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

8 May 2012

Report of the Associate Director of Public Health, NHS North Yorkshire & York / City of York Council and Assistant Director, Integrated Commissioning, Adults Children and Education

York's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2012

1. York's third Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) has recently been produced and formally approved by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board. This report provides members with an overview of the process involved in producing the JSNA and the main findings and recommendations.

Background

Process

2. The production of York's JSNA 2012 was commissioned jointly by the Director of Children's & Adults' Services and Associate Director of Public Health / Locality Director in September 2011. All areas are required to produce a JSNA, the legal basis for which is now the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (formerly the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007).
3. The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, which acquired formal council committee status on 1 April 2012, subsequently received progress updates and draft versions of the report for comment and direction, and formally approved the findings and recommendations in March 2012.
4. Building from previous assessments, the JSNA aims to provide a comprehensive local picture of the health and wellbeing needs of all people who live in York, including vulnerable and geographic groups. It will inform the development of the new Health and Wellbeing and other strategies, local priorities, and commissioning decisions.
5. At nearly 100 pages, the full document is long. A 4 page signposting summary document will be available shortly which will indicate the

contents and key findings and tell people where to find further information. The full document is necessarily quite technical in nature but we have tried to keep it readable and feedback has confirmed that many consider the document to be an interesting and relatively easy read.

6. There are four main sections of the JSNA report: a snapshot of who lives in York; a look at “wellbeing” in its widest sense; our lifestyles; and finally a profile of our health. There are 25 separate recommendations that relate to these sections as well as the JSNA process itself.
7. In summary, the overarching themes emerging from the JSNA process are as follows:
 - For most people, York is a pleasant and enjoyable place to live, with most people living longer than the national average and experiencing a better quality of life. However unhealthy lifestyle choices still have a negative impact on a proportion of the population and there are inequalities present in York in terms of health outcomes and opportunities that are attributable to relative deprivation. Reducing these inequalities will improve health and wellbeing outcomes for people in the City.
 - The population in York is ageing. This changing demographic profile will incorporate an anticipated increase in the prevalence of long-term conditions including dementia and will have implications for health and social care commissioning decisions in the future.
 - The improvements in life expectancy and the reductions in death rates are due to a combination of improving economic, environmental and societal conditions, greater awareness of risk factors in the general population and high quality, effective services which prevent and treat existing illnesses. A continued focus on prevention and early intervention through targeted services and a focus on the wider determinants of health will be important to improve outcomes for individuals.
8. The full JSNA document can be accessed online at <http://www.york.gov.uk/health/yorknhs/>, it is also attached at Annex A to this report and due to its size, is viewable online only. The full document, 4 page summary and supporting evidence and data will be widely available through the council, health, YorOK and other websites.

9. The recommendations of the JSNA will inform the development of York's first Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Health and Wellbeing Board has begun work on identifying core strategic priorities, and following planned stakeholder consultation, aims to have the strategy completed by September 2012.

Consultation

10. The process of producing the JSNA involved several stages. A small multi agency working group lead reviewed the most recently available population-level needs related data along with findings from other needs analyses where available. Local experts and groups across a wide range of relevant service and policy areas were also asked to provide information about health and wellbeing needs. This approach enabled the team to build up a health and wellbeing profile and identify known and emerging issues in the process.
11. In December 2011, early messages and emerging issues were shared at a stakeholder event involving partner agencies and young people and attendees were invited to challenge and confirm the early findings. Also in December, a JSNA Lay Person was appointed following an advertisement through York CVS networks. The Lay Person provided challenge and objectivity to the process and all involved are agreed about the value and contribution of this role.
12. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board were invited to read and comment on a first draft JSNA in February 2012, following which an amended draft version was circulated for comment to all individuals and groups who had been involved earlier in the process. Approximately forty responses were received by email and in person at publicised feedback sessions. During this time, the JSNA drafts were discussed at many single agency and partnership meetings where feedback was also taken. A final, amended draft version was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in March where the findings and recommendations were approved.

Options

13. There are no specific options associated with this report, however Members can comment on the report and the JSNA attached at Annex A to this report (online only).

Analysis

14. Whilst this report is predominantly for information, the Committee can use it to identify potential areas for scrutiny review, especially around themes where they have specific concerns. Alternatively the Committee can request that the Associate Director of Public Health prioritise work in specific areas where there are concerns

Council Plan

15. This report links to the 'Protecting Vulnerable People' priority in the Council Plan 2011-15, and specifically to the key outcomes: health inequalities will reduce across York, especially morbidity and obesity; and, setting up a Health and Wellbeing Board which will review and refresh our 'Joint Strategic Needs Assessment' and a new Health & Wellbeing Strategy that flows from it.

Implications

16. There are no immediate Financial, Human Resources, Crime and Disorder, IT or Property Implications.

Equalities

17. The JSNA 2012 report describes what we know about the health and wellbeing needs of different communities of interest at a given point in time. It is acknowledged that more information is needed in relation to some communities, for example LGBT and BME communities. This will be addressed through the updating and ongoing development of the JSNA and through the work of the Neighbourhood Management Service and the development of neighbourhood plans. At the strategic level, the JSNA seeks to enhance our understanding of the needs of vulnerable groups within the city and will inform planning and commissioning initiatives aimed at tackling health and wellbeing inequalities. The new health and wellbeing strategy will be a key mechanism for progressing this work.

Risk Management

18. There are no specific risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

19. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and identify any concerns that they may have.

Reason: To keep the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee updated on the content of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

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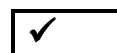


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Wards Affected:

All



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Background Papers:

York Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2012

Annexes

Annex A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (online only)