

MEETING:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
DATE:	19 JUNE 2012
TITLE OF REPORT:	UNDERSTANDING HEREFORDSHIRE – THE 2012 INTEGRATED NEEDS ASSESSMENT

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

For the Health and Wellbeing Board to receive:

- the 2012 summary Integrated Needs Assessment document “Understanding Herefordshire”, provided in Appendix 1;
- the programme of work towards a “Gold Standard” Integrated Needs Assessment detailed in Appendix 2.

Recommendation(s)

THAT THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD:

- (a) approve the document “Understanding Herefordshire” as the summary of the 2012 Integrated Needs Assessment; and**
- (b) approve “Understanding Herefordshire” and the 2012 Integrated Needs Assessment as the evidence base against which strategic priorities and commissioning decisions will be made; and**
- (c) identify areas where they would like more in depth analysis over the coming year; and**
- (d) approve the programme of work towards a “Gold Standard” Integrated Needs Assessment.**

Key Points Summary

- Understanding Herefordshire provides a single integrated assessment of the needs of the people of Herefordshire, bringing together the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the State of Herefordshire Report.
- It is integral to the commissioning cycle, providing an explicit evidence base that will enable strategic priorities, commissioning decisions and partnership working to be based upon a clear

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and comprehensive understanding of need.

- It also provides a mechanism to evaluate the effectiveness of commissioning decisions and of interventions, with the ability to monitor or “track” progress over time.
- The assessment will meet the statutory requirement to produce a JSNA, but as we work to develop a “Gold Standard” Integrated Needs Assessment we are aiming to encompass all the needs of local residents, not just those that directly contribute to health and well being.
- As such Understanding Herefordshire is a critical document for everyone engaged in delivering better outcomes for the County. In particular it will be used by the Herefordshire Partnership, the Clinical Commissioning Group in setting strategic priorities and commissioning strategies, and the Council in reviewing the corporate plan.

How will your report meet the vision and guiding principles of the HWBB?

Understanding Herefordshire explicitly identifies the underlying factors that enable people to be resilient; lead fulfilling lives; be emotionally and physically healthy and feel safe and secure.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 1 When embedded into the commissioning cycle the Integrated Needs Assessment will enable strategic priorities, commissioning decisions and partnership working to be based upon explicit evidence of need.
- 2 This will enable the Health and WellBeing Board, its members, and their partners, to maximise the return on investment from the use of resources and maximise the health and well-being of Herefordshire.
- 3 The Integrated Needs Assessment incorporates the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – so feedback is sought from the Health and WellBeing Board on priority areas for more in depth analysis in 2012, and on the programme of work towards a “Gold Standard”.

Introduction and Background

- 4 The previous Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and State of Herefordshire report have been brought together to provide a single integrated assessment of the health and well-being needs of the people of Herefordshire.
- 5 Understanding Herefordshire provides the high level summary of this within a single document. It is underpinned by a dynamic web based resource called the Integrated Evidence Base, that is updated in-year with analysis and intelligence as they become available (www.herefordshire.gov.uk/factsandfigures).

Key Considerations

- 6 The essential point of the Integrated Needs Assessment is that it be used to influence and inform future decision-making.
- 7 Recommendations from Understanding Herefordshire are that we:
 - Be proactive about our changing demographics, identifying the predicted rise in need for services and ways to address it.

- Develop the infrastructure, services and support networks needed to enable people to live independently. As well as direct service provision this will include housing and accommodation that facilitates independence, the economy, spatial planning, transport, engagement with the third sector and communities, and support for carers.
- Continue to build on a community based approach, developing our assets of volunteers, carers, third sector organisations, active communities and statutory services.
- Adopt this community based approach to provide comprehensive and integrated services and support for people living with Dementia.
- Ensure that the environment and infra-structure enables people to make healthy choices such as cycling and walking, as well as supporting economic growth and improved connectivity.
- Target preventative activities at the major causes of morbidity and premature mortality, in particular smoking, alcohol and falls.
- Make childhood obesity a priority for all stakeholders, tackling the underlying causes as part of a joined up strategy.
- Ensure continued improvement for Early Years and Foundation Programme, primary and secondary school children to achieve top quartile performance.
- Ensure the various strategies targeting families living in poverty are joined up to provide an integrated response.
- Address social inequalities through a comprehensive approach, encompassing opportunities such as employment as well as lifestyle behaviours, access to services and community engagement.
- Undertake more in depth analysis in the following areas:
 - Domestic violence
 - The care needs of people with learning disabilities
 - Impact of changes to the welfare system, particularly on families

8 Understanding Herefordshire forms the first year of a three year development programme, to produce a “gold standard” integrated needs assessment in 2014. We’ve begun by:

- Improving our qualitative information, engaging with the third sector to gain a better understanding of the needs of people living with dementia and their carers.
- Adopting an asset based approach to identify the strengths and opportunities within our communities, localities and services.
- Including a place based approach, presenting information by localities and communities as well as by theme.
- Engaging stakeholders across HPS and its partners, and embedding the breadth of analyses undertaken across Herefordshire within the INA.

9 Further developmental work is planned, as detailed in Appendix 2.

Community Impact

- 10 Working with and supporting the development of stronger communities is a key finding of Understanding Herefordshire.
- 11 Key findings within the summary document and within the underpinning evidence base (www.herefordshire.gov.uk/factsandfigures) will also maximise our ability to support and develop stronger communities.

Equality and Human Rights

- 12 The Integrated Needs Assessment explicitly considers inequalities in opportunities and outcomes, paying full regard the public sector equality duty.

Financial Implications

- 13 Understanding Herefordshire and the web-based Integrated Evidence Base are integral to the commissioning cycle. They provide the explicit evidence base to ensure priorities and commissioning decisions are based upon assessment of need.
- 14 As such they enable organisations to ensure that resources are directed at local priorities and to maximise the return on investment from the use of resources.

Legal Implications

- 15 Producing the Integrated Needs Assessment fulfils the statutory requirement (now in the Health and Social Care Act 2012) to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. From April 2013 the duty will fall on the Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group, working in partnership through the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Risk Management

- 16 Failure to embed the INA into the commissioning cycle of organisations and of the Health and WellBeing Board represents a risk.
- 17 The risk is of failure to identify strategic priorities, and to target resources in relation to need, reducing the return on investment from the use of resources and making it harder to improve health and wellbeing.

Consultees

- 18 Understanding Herefordshire and the Integrated Evidence Base have been developed with input from stakeholders across HPS and it's partners, including third sector organisations.
- 19 Membership of the reference group who produced the summary document is detailed below:
 - Research team
 - People's Commissioning Quality & Improvement Team
 - Public health

- Transport
- Forward planning
- Housing
- Sustainable communities
- Community Safety
- Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support

The INA has already been to Herefordshire Council Leaders Briefing and Cabinet.

It is scheduled to go also to the Clinical Commissioning Group, Herefordshire Partnership Executive Group, and the Council's Corporate and Commissioning Board.

Appendices

Appendix 1. Understanding Herefordshire. Summary of the 2012 Integrated Needs Assessment

Appendix 2. Programme of work towards a "gold standard" Integrated Needs Assessment.

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