

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>20 MAY 2014</b>

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>UNDERSTANDING HEREFORDSHIRE 2014</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH</b>

**1. Classification**

Open

**2. Key Decision**

This is not a key decision

**3. Wards Affected**

County-wide

**4. Purpose**

- 4.1 To review the report and evidence base, and be advised of proposals for future review/development.

**5. Recommendation**

**THAT: The evidence base (consisting of Understanding Herefordshire and linked evidence base) be noted, and used to inform future planning, decision making and commissioning.**

**6. Alternative Options**

There are no alternative options.

**7. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 7.1 To ensure that future decisions on service priorities, planning and commissioning take full account of the evidence available.

**8. Key Considerations**

- 8.1 Understanding Herefordshire provides a single integrated assessment of the health and well-being needs of the people of Herefordshire, bringing together the statutory requirement to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the previous State of Herefordshire reports (developed over the last decade).
- 8.2 *Understanding Herefordshire* provides a high level summary with electronic links to the underlying evidence provided throughout the document, where more detail and supporting strategies can be found. The integrated evidence base is available at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/factsandfigures](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/factsandfigures) and maintained by the local authority

research team with contributors from public health, quality and improvement team (children's and adults' services), housing, spatial planning and transport strategy and sustainable communities teams as well as Herefordshire's Clinical Commissioning Group, Herefordshire Voluntary Organisation Support Services and the Local Nature Partnership.

*Understanding Herefordshire* is a summary of the needs of the County as a whole but analysis has been carried out for smaller areas where possible and major geographical differences are mentioned as appropriate. Area profiles are available for localities, GP practices, wards, market towns and smaller areas within them.

## **9. Community Impact**

- 9.1 The evidence base informs the development of key strategic plans and commissioning decisions within the County.

## **10. Equality and Human Rights**

- 10.1 Understanding Herefordshire considers inequalities in opportunities and outcomes wherever the evidence is available. This is particularly relevant for health inequalities.

## **11. Financial Implications**

- 11.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## **12. Legal Implications**

- 12.1 None

## **13. Risk Management**

- 13.1 Understanding Herefordshire (and its associated web-based integrated evidence base) mitigate the risk that priorities and commissioning decisions are not based upon assessment of need. However this requires the evidence to be used to inform decisions.

## **14. Consultees**

- 14.1 The integrated needs assessment reference group contributed to and challenged the narrative summary of 'Understanding Herefordshire 2014'. The group is led by the strategic intelligence team with representatives from the local authority (public health, transport, housing, forward planning, sustainable communities and the adult and children's improvement team), the clinical commissioning group, Herefordshire Voluntary Support Services and the local nature partnership.

## **15. Appendices**

- 15.1 Appendix A – Understanding Herefordshire 2014

## **16. Background Papers**

- 16.1 None identified.