

Health & Wellbeing Board Briefing Note.

HWB INA/JSNA STEERING GROUP UPDATE

12 March 2015

1. The need to improve the effectiveness of integrated needs assessments and ultimately their use for intelligent commissioning and better outcomes for those who live and work in Herefordshire was highlighted to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) by the Strategic Intelligence Team.
2. The HWBB approved the establishment of an Integrated Needs Assessment (INA) Steering Group in October 2014 to provide more effective governance and steer to INAs and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).
3. The INA Steering Group, operating under its own Terms of Reference, will ensure that INAs and the JSNA are adequately resourced, managed and fit for purpose.
4. The Group's membership comprises assistant directors from the three council directorates (including Public Health), with representation from Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, and hvoss.
5. The first meeting of the Group took place on 5th March 2015. Minutes of this meeting are presented here.
6. The JSNA known locally as *Understanding Herefordshire* is refreshed annually in Herefordshire, and the Group considered further areas for inclusion in the 2015 refresh. Work has already commenced by the Strategic Intelligence Team.
7. The refresh will describe key new data and report on other intelligence since its last production in 2014. It will include information and data on the health and wellbeing needs of the people who live in Herefordshire, as well as report on the local inequalities for specific population groups.
8. *Understanding Herefordshire* is a shared resource. It has been increasingly successful as an enabling tool to help planners and commissioners to shape evidence based services to address local need, potentially driving innovation and better ways of working.
9. Alongside the production of the JSNA, the online integrated evidence base (IEB) is to enhanced following migration to a new and improved platform, so that it is useful, usable and used. Steps are also being undertaken towards delivering the ambition of a gold standard JSNA product and process.
10. The INA Steering Group will meet regularly (monthly) to provide a steer on other integrated needs assessments as and when they are developed.