

MEETING:	CABINET
DATE:	18 DECEMBER 2009
TITLE OF REPORT:	JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2009
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CORPORATE STRATEGY AND FINANCE

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To draw Cabinet's attention to the key findings from the latest Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) so that regard can be had to them in future plans, commissioning of services and budget decisions.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendations

THAT:

- (a) the key findings from the latest Joint Strategic Needs Assessment be noted; and**
- (b) regard should be had to the key findings in future plans, commissioning of services and budget decisions.**

Key Points Summary

- The JSNA is the key document that brings together understanding of the main health and social care needs of the people of Herefordshire.
- It highlights the most important health & social care needs and how they are expected to change, as well as the public's views, and draws out the major challenges in respect of which action should be considered.
- The key findings are summarised in Appendix 1 to this paper.
- It has a central role to play in informing decisions about future plans, the commissioning of services and budget allocations.

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- It needs to be publicised and widely accessible to the general public, partner organisations, interest groups and employees. It will be further developed with them.

Alternative Options

- 1 The production and publication of a JSNA are statutory requirements. There are, therefore, no alternative options.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 To meet statutory requirements and ensure that future plans, commissioning of services and budget decisions are informed by an up-to-date assessment of needs across the county.

Introduction and Background

3. This is the second JSNA for Herefordshire. It has been produced in collaboration across the Council and NHS Herefordshire, in particular by Public Health, the Research Team, Children and Young People's Services (and the Children's Trust) and Integrated Commissioning.
4. As in 2008, it looks not just at the legal requirements regarding health and social care needs but at all the most important things that affect people's life-chances, quality of life and health and well-being.
5. It reflects considerable work during the past twelve months to develop our understanding. This draws on the expansion of arrangements to consult and involve the public and communities. New to this JSNA is the spotlight on localities, instead of just the county as a whole. This includes contrasting the distinctive needs of rural areas against those of urban parts of Herefordshire and will be developed further next year so there is a locality profile for each of the main individual rural areas. It will also aim to improve our modelling of possible future demand, so that services can prepare for different eventualities.
6. A fuller description of the background to the JSNA and how it will develop in future is in the opening paragraphs of the summary at Appendix 1.

Key Considerations

7. The JSNA is not merely a document of record. On the contrary, its prime purpose and value is in helping the Council and partner organisations to identify priorities and determine what needs to be done to address them. This goes to the heart of what's required under Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). The JSNA therefore draws attention to the major challenges in respect of which action should be considered. Cabinet will wish to consider these matters, not least having regard to future decisions about plans, commissioning programmes and budget allocations.
8. The JSNA needs to be informed by the public's and other stakeholders' views, but at the same time it is intended to contribute significantly to their understanding of the needs of people across the county.
9. For these reasons, it is important that its findings should be communicated widely. It is therefore intended to publicise it and make the summary available in an attractive format at Info Shops, libraries, hospitals, doctors' surgeries and other community locations. The full document will be sent in hard copy to main partner organisations, GP practices and to others on request. The summary and the full document will also be available on a web-site, with the technical

appendices available via electronic links. In addition, the JSNA will be publicised internally to members and employees.

10. To ensure that its development is as well-informed as possible, it will be an agenda item for Partnership boards and the groups that exist for service users and carers.

Community Impact

11. The impact of the JSNA will depend on what happens in response to its findings.

Financial Implications

12. The only direct costs will be those incurred in printing and distributing the documents. These are expected to be about £3,200. They will be shared equally by the Council and NHS Herefordshire, and met from existing budgets.

Legal Implications

13. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 places a duty jointly on local authorities and PCTs to produce and publish a JSNA for their area.

Risk Management

14. The first major risk is that the Council and NHS Herefordshire could fail to meet their statutory duties. The second is that insufficient regard could be paid to the JSNA's findings, which would undermine the Council's and partner organisations' basis for determining priorities, damage the interests of those most in need and be likely to affect adversely CAA and other external assessments. The proposals in this paper are intended to mitigate these risks.

Consultees

15. The JSNA draws together information from a wide range of existing sources, including the State of Herefordshire Report, the Public Health Annual Report and other accredited national and local sources. Some of these have themselves been prepared in consultation with a wide range of partner organisations and interests.
14. Arrangements are being made for the JSNA to be presented and discussed with a range of groups and interests, including the Policy and Delivery Groups of the Herefordshire Partnership. Their views will be taken into account as the JSNA is updated and rolled forward.

Appendices

16. Appendix 1 – JSNA summary.

Background Papers

Full JSNA