

MEETING:	CABINET
DATE:	20 OCTOBER 2011
TITLE OF REPORT:	ESTABLISHING THE EVIDENCE BASE FOR COMMISSIONING
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To present the 2011 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and State of Herefordshire Reports, and provide an overview of the work being undertaken across HPS to develop an overall Integrated Needs Assessment.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) the 2011 JSNA key points and recommendations document be noted;**
- (b) the 2011 State of Herefordshire key findings report be noted;**
- (c) the plans to develop an Integrated Needs Assessment (INA) be noted.**

Key Points Summary

- The 2011 JSNA has been produced using research and analysis undertaken across HPS throughout the year. More detail can be found on the JSNA webpages at www.Herefordshire.gov.uk/JSNA, along with the summary document provided as the 2011 Key Points and Recommendations (see Appendix 1).
- The State of Herefordshire (SOH) report has been refreshed for 2011, and the summary provided as Appendix 2.
- A more comprehensive examination of the JSNA process and how needs assessments are undertaken across HPS is being undertaken to inform the development of a wider INA. As

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part of a three year programme to a 'Gold Standard INA' it will result in the 2012 JSNA being produced in line with planning and commissioning frameworks, by the end of June 2012.

Alternative Options

- 1 There are no alternative options – statutory requirement.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 To comply with statutory requirements.

Introduction and Background

3. The intention for 2011 has been to refresh the JSNA and SOH reports. The summary findings are provided as Appendix 1 and 2.
4. Underpinning the JSNA Key Points and Recommendations summary document, and the State of Herefordshire report summary document, are the relevant websites which are integrated with the 'Facts and Figures' web-site resource. This provides a central repository of detailed analysis and research information that allow colleagues and stakeholders to find additional information on a range of areas as required, ranging from information by topic through to specific needs assessment that have been undertaken over the last year (e.g. the child poverty needs assessment; local economic assessment). This approach is line with good practice undertaken by many areas across the country.

Key Considerations

5. The recommendations of the 2011 JSNA have been categorised as i) Areas for future work and ii) Challenges for commissioners. The dynamic approach to the JSNA means that many of these have been fed into the relevant fora in-year. The fact that work is already underway on some of these areas is a measure of success.
6. The development of an INA is intended to improve how we undertake needs assessments and analysis across HPS and with our partners. The key products to be delivered include:
 - A standard methodology for undertaking needs assessment that is robust and produces high quality analysis and intelligence
 - A high quality 'Gold Standard' INA – through a three year development programme but with the first iteration late June 2012 to ensure synergy with the annual commissioning cycle
 - A corporately agreed and prioritised programme of needs assessments
7. In moving forward with this work a number of key issues have been identified:
 - A need for greater engagement and involvement of stakeholders across the third sector. Events and workshops are being held in October to ensure this input occurs. This will feed into the development of the JSNA in 2012 and the INA process.
 - The JSNA and State of Herefordshire report support one another and are heavily interlinked. As we develop a 'Gold Standard' JSNA this relationship will become stronger, and we anticipate them being incorporated into a single integrated evidence base for commissioners available online. This will enable us to encapsulate the broad range of inter-linked issues that need to be considered but minimise duplication, enabling us to be more efficient in the way we identify, analyse, and present our intelligence.

- The importance of the locality approach, with stakeholders knowledge providing important local knowledge to supplement routine data collection.

Community Impact

8. Good quality needs assessments and analysis are essential to determining both community needs and gaps in service provision. This type of analysis is required to enable robust commissioning, planning and development of services that meet the needs of communities and individuals.
9. The documents will be available on the JSNA and 'Facts and Figures' public facing web-sites. Much of the underlying evidence for JSNA and SoH is already available on this website.

Financial Implications

10. Good quality needs assessment and analysis will enable robust financial decision making and prioritisation processes, aiding how it allocates and makes the best use of resource.

Legal Implications

11. The Health and Social Care reform Bill proposes that the delivery of a JSNA should be the statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board, with both the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Local Authority having responsibility for its delivery

Risk Management

12. There is a risk that the JSNA does not become integral to the commissioning cycle and that it's importance is not acknowledged. To ensure that the assessment of need and the associated process is recognised as a key analytical tool, a programme of engagement and promotion is planned.

Consultees

13. There is no requirement to consult on the production of this document; however the findings are being presented to the Herefordshire Healthcare Commissioning Consortium, NHS Herefordshire Board, Herefordshire Partnership Executive Group and Health and Wellbeing Board.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Herefordshire's 2011 JSNA Key Points and Recommendations.

Appendix 2 - 2011 State of Herefordshire report.

Background Papers

None identified.