

Lewisham Public Health

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Understanding the population

- The council has a duty, as part of the Equality Duty, to consider the needs of all individuals in their day to day work in shaping policy and in delivering services.
- This is particularly true of Public Health who are responsible for helping people to stay healthy, and protecting them from threats to their health and to minimise the risk and impact of illness
- This is regardless of their circumstances and any protected characteristic
- Also hold a responsibility for identifying any inequalities in health

Public Health Data

- Currently the team produces 12 Performance Dashboards, which aim to monitor how the borough is performing against key indicators
- Very little data or information available on LGBT
- Reliant on surveys, for example the ONS Annual Population Survey and the What About YOUth (WAY), conducted on behalf of the Department of Health
- A small number of service user indicators are also possible to look at by sexual orientation

Indicators where we do have some data

- HIV Late diagnosis
- Health related quality of life for older people
- Smoking - Adults
- Smoking - 15 year olds
- Proportion of the population meeting the recommended “5-a-day” at age 15

However these have to be used with caution due to the small sample/health population size

Lewisham Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

- Local authorities are responsible for producing a JSNA of the health and wellbeing of their local community
- A good JSNA will work with partners and the public to:
 - look at the current and future health and care needs of the local population
 - consider the wider determinants of health
 - inform and guide the planning and commissioning of health, well-being and social care services
 - identify health inequalities
 - provide evidence of effectiveness for different health and care interventions
 - document current service provision
 - identify gaps in health and care services, documenting unmet needs

Lewisham Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

A new process has been agreed that will:

- Achieve wider stakeholder engagement;
- Provide a more strategic overview of needs;
- Take account of and help determine local priorities;
- Be more transparent and accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- Provide effective monitoring and efficient management of available JSNA resources.