



Health & Wellbeing Board

Report title: Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Update

Date: 04 March 2021

Key decision: Yes/No.

Class: Either Part 1

Ward(s) affected: ALL

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Outline and recommendations

This report provides details of the revised timescale for further work on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

The board is recommended to:

- Note the contents of the report
- Approve the revised timelines for the revision of the JSNA process and review of the most recently published JSNA Topic Assessments.

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

This paper is being submitted as part of the revised JSNA process originally agreed by the [Health and Wellbeing Board in 2017](#)

1. Summary

- 1.1. This update provides an overview that the JSNA process continue to be paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The board is recommended to approve:
- 2.2. The previously proposed review of the JSNA process will continue to be paused.
- 2.3. When the JSNA process recommences it will include a JSNA topic assessment examining the wider COVID-19 impacts to support recovery planning and commissioning, with a further topic assessment/refresh on Air Quality.
- 2.4. When resource is available a review of the impact of the most recently published JSNA Topic Assessments will be conducted.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The production of a JSNA became a statutory duty of PCTs and upper tier local authorities in 2007. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 placed a new statutory obligation on Clinical Commissioning Groups, the Local Authority and NHS England to jointly produce and to commission with regard to the JSNA. The Act placed an additional duty on the Local Authority and CCGs to develop a joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for meeting the needs identified in the local JSNA.
- 3.2. The objective of a JSNA is to provide access to a profile of Lewisham's population, including demographic, social and environmental information. It also provides access to in-depth needs assessments which address specific gaps in knowledge or identify issues associated with particular populations/services. These in-depth assessments vary in scope from a focus on a condition, geographical area, or a segment of the population, to a combination of these. The overall aim of each needs assessment is to translate robust qualitative and quantitative data analysis into key messages for commissioners, service providers and partners.
- 3.3. The most recent version of the JSNA can be found here:

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- 3.4. The priorities of The Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2023 were informed by the JSNA.

4. Background

- 4.1. To undertake its responsibilities the Board needs to be periodically updated on the local population and its health needs. Individual JSNA topics provide in-depth analysis and recommendations for that specific service / population group.

5. JSNA Update

5.1. Revised Timescales

- 5.1.1. As [set out in a previous paper to the board](#), Public Health wish to evaluate the effectiveness of the current process for the selection of JSNA Topic Assessments. This will ensure the JSNA has the most impact and benefit to Lewisham.
- 6.1. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the timescales for the JSNA process review and JSNA impact review have been further revised.
- 6.2. It is now proposed that we do not perform the review of the JSNA process and impact of recently published JSNAs until September 2021 to allow for sufficient time and resource to be directed to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery.
- 6.3. However the “Picture of Lewisham” element of the JSNA will be updated in Spring 2021 to aid commissioners and other professionals in planning and decision making.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1. There are no specific financial implications. However the financial implications of any recommendations arising from the assessments subsequently produced will be considered either during or once the assessments are completed as appropriate.

8. Legal implications

- 8.1. The requirement to produce a JSNA is set out in the Policy Context section.
- 8.2. Members of the Board are reminded that under Section 195 Health and Social Care Act 2012, Health and Wellbeing Boards are under a duty to encourage integrated working between the persons who arrange for health and social care services in their area.

9. Equalities implications

JSNAs are a continuous process of strategic assessment and planning, with a core aim to develop local evidence based priorities for commissioning which will improve health and reduce inequalities. The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) introduced a public sector equality duty (the equality duty or the duty). It covers the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

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10. Climate change and environmental implications

10.1. There are no climate change or environmental implications from this report.

11. Crime and disorder implications

11.1. There are no crime and disorder implications from this report.

12. Health and wellbeing implications

12.1. There are no health and wellbeing implications from this report.

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