

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Social Care, Health and Housing Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>28 June 2010</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – Progress Report and Executive Summary</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Director of Social Care, Health and Housing</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>This report presents an Executive Summary of the Central Bedfordshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and how the findings of the JSNA are being used as an evidence base to support the Council's Commissioning process.</p> <p>The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is a statutory responsibility for the Director of Social Care, Health and Housing, the Director of Children Services and the Director of Public Health under the terms of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act, 2007.</p>

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Joint function between the Council and the PCT.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

The JSNA is underpinned by the following Council priorities:

- Supporting and caring for an ageing population and those who are most vulnerable
- Promoting health and reducing inequalities
- Keeping our communities safe

### **Financial:**

The JSNA makes no specific financial recommendations. However; the JSNA will inform commissioning decisions which should lead to greater efficiency in the delivery of services by the Council and its partners.

<b>Legal:</b>
The JSNA is a statutory requirement placed on Local Authorities by The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007)
<b>Risk Management:</b>
Appropriate use of population needs analysis will support evidence based commissioning decisions which should reduce financial and reputational risk.
<b>Staffing (including Trades Unions):</b>
The JSNA will inform future commissioning of services. These may have workforce implications for development and training. A cross sector workforce strategy is being produced.
<b>Equalities/Human Rights:</b>
The JSNA, in assessing the needs of the community and how those needs are met considers issues of equity. It also considers equality issues particularly in relation to disability and deprivation and inequalities in health experience and outcomes for different groups.
<b>Community Safety:</b>
The JSNA will support strategic decision making intended to improve the safety of Older People and those who are most vulnerable in our communities.
<b>Sustainability:</b>
The JSNA is aligned to the Council's Sustainable Communities Strategy.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **That the Committee considers and notes the use of the JSNA as a key source of evidence to guide Commissioning decisions and the priorities of both the Healthier Communities and Older People Partnership Board and the Children's Trust.**
2. **That the Committee considers and notes the availability of this body of evidence to support its work.**

#### **Background**

1. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) requires local government authorities and NHS Primary Care Trusts to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) of the health and wellbeing of their local community. The findings of JSNA should inform priorities and target setting for the Local Area Agreement (LAA) as well as act as an evidence base for commissioning priorities that will reduce health inequalities and improve outcomes for people.

Importantly, the JSNA is a joint analysis of current and predicted health and well-being outcomes, an account of what people in the local community want from their services (those provided by the statutory sector and the wider market) and a view of the future, predicting and anticipating potential new or unmet. It also identifies important areas for change.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is an on-going process and will be refreshed so that it continues to reflect the key issues for Central Bedfordshire.

2. A life course approach has been used for the JSNA and each of the chapters looks in detail at the level of need in the population and how well current services are meeting those needs. It uses population projections to define future needs and priorities for commissioning. It also notes where further needs assessment work is needed. The views of service users and our providers are also an integral part of the JSNA.
3. A chapter of the JSNA looks at how social, economic and environmental circumstances in which people live impacts directly and indirectly on their health and well-being. It looks at the impact on those in our rural areas and most deprived areas, within Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Plantation, Northfields, Flitwick East and Sandy. For example, 27% of children in Central Bedfordshire live in low income households, rising to between 45 and 50% in parts of Houghton Regis and Dunstable. Some rural areas of Central Bedfordshire suffer from lack of access to adequate public transport which impacts predominantly on those pensioner households without access to a car.
4. The Chapter on Children sets out further priorities for improving children's health and wellbeing. These are based on the Every Child Matters priorities for children to:
  - Be Healthy
  - Stay Safe
  - Enjoy and Achieve
  - Make a positive contribution
5. The Chapters for Adults and Older People gives an overview of the demographic and health indicators for adults of working age in Central Bedfordshire. It sets out some of the key challenges for the health of our population and the importance of health promotion and adoption of healthy lifestyles. As well out setting out the priorities for improving health and wellbeing for adults and older people. The chapters highlights issues for vulnerable people, including income deprivation affecting older people, an issue which is linked to areas of deprivation in Sandy, Dunstable, Houghton Regis and Flitwick East. Key sections of this chapter focuses on priorities for :
  - Safeguarding of vulnerable adults
  - Making a positive contribution

- Achieving economic wellbeing

Key findings and the full priorities for action from the JSNA are contained in the Executive summary which is appended to this report. The full JSNA will be published on the council's website and made fully accessible to all.

## **Conclusion and Next Steps**

6. This JSNA is an important tool for understanding the health and wellbeing needs of Central Bedfordshire's population. It brings together a wealth of information on current needs and in key areas such as demographic changes and predictions of future health and social care needs. The predictions and modelling of future needs are particularly important given the financial climate predicted over the next few years which will impact upon organisations and the residents.

The recommendations contained within each chapter of the JSNA will be considered by the commissioners within the PCT and Central Bedfordshire primarily through the Healthier Communities and Older People Partnership Board and the Be Healthy Delivery Group.

The JSNA is an ongoing, iterative process that needs to be firmly embedded in the commissioning cycles of our respective organisations. This JSNA will provide accurate, relevant and up-to-date information for the Council's commissioning programme and will be updated on a regular basis.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix A – Executive Summary: Central Bedfordshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

### **Background Papers:** (open to public inspection)

None

**Location of papers:** Priory House, Chicksands