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**Meeting:** Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 17 April 2012  
**Subject:** Draft Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)  
**Report of:** Cllr Mark Versallion, Executive Member for Children's Services  
**Summary:** The report provides information on the publication of the draft Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the draft Children's Executive Summary for comment.

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**Advising Officer:** Edwina Grant, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services  
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**Public/Exempt:** Public  
**Wards Affected:** All  
**Function of:** Council

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

1. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is a process that identifies the current and future health and wellbeing needs of a local population and leads to agreed commissioning priorities that will improve outcomes and reduce health inequalities. It therefore supports the Council in achieving the following priorities:
  - Supporting and caring for an ageing population
  - Educating, protecting and providing opportunities for children and young people
  - Managing growth effectively
  - Creating safer communities
  - Promoting healthier lifestyles.

### **Financial:**

2. There are no financial implications to this report; however the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment will provide the key evidence to support future commissioning priorities.

### **Legal:**

4. The production of the JSNA is an existing statutory duty which currently rests with local authorities and Primary Care Trusts. From April 2013, local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups will have equal and explicit obligations to prepare a JSNA, and this duty will be discharged by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

**Risk Management:**

5. Not applicable.

**Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

6. Not Applicable.

**Equalities/Human Rights:**

7. Public authorities have a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
8. One of the aims of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is to improve outcomes and to reduce health inequalities. As such the evidence provided for the JSNA does include analyses of data that points to key inequalities that need to be prioritised in future commissions and service delivery.

**Public Health**

9. The aim of the JSNA is to identify the current and future health and wellbeing needs of a local population and leads to commissioning priorities that will improve public health outcomes.

**Community Safety:**

10. Community Safety issues can have an impact on the health and wellbeing of the local population, and vice versa, and as such analysis of these issues is included in the JSNA e.g. domestic abuse, youth offending. Where the JSNA identifies areas where additional support or services are required, as part of its statutory duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, the Council will need to identify how it will respond to the needs identified to mitigate any negative impact on community safety.

**Sustainability:**

11. Not Applicable.

**Procurement:**

12. Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:****The Committee is asked to:-**

1. Note that the draft JSNA is in development.
2. Comment on the draft Children's Executive Summary of the JSNA.

**Background**

13. There is a statutory duty to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and from April 2013 this will be discharged by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
14. The Government's planned changes to the health and social care services see the JSNA positioned within Health and Wellbeing Strategies and owned by Health and Wellbeing Boards.
15. Draft guidance published in January (*Draft Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies*) states that it is important to build upon progress and establish JSNAs as a fundamental part of the planning and commissioning cycle at a local level.
16. The JSNA is a process that identifies the current and future health and wellbeing needs of a local population and which leads to agreed commissioning priorities that will improve outcomes and reduce health inequalities. Specifically, the JSNA is a tool to identify groups where needs are not being met and that are experiencing poor outcomes.
17. Whilst the JSNA has a key function in relation to the new Health and Wellbeing Strategies which Councils are required to be developed, it has also played an important role in the development of the Children and Young People's Plan and continues to provide an evidence base which feeds into the annual refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan.

### **Central Bedfordshire JSNA**

18. Due to the length of the draft chapters, the key Children's section of the JSNA is available to view online at [www.centralbedfordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk). Draft chapters can be found by clicking on the 'Needs Assessment' tab on the left.
19. Attached at Appendix A is the draft Executive Summary of the JSNA/Children's section for Members to review and comment on.

### **Conclusion and Next Steps**

20. The draft JSNA is currently being reviewed by key stakeholders and following this period of feedback during March and April it will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 10 May 2012 to consider and agree.
21. The Annual report and refresh of the Children and Young People's plan, which is due to be reported to the Children's Trust in May, will reflect the priorities in the JSNA.
22. As in previous years, the Annual report of the Children and Young People's plan will be reported to Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny over the Summer.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix A – JSNA Executive Summary (Children's)

**Background papers and their location:** None

