
Meeting: Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board
Date: 29 May 2012
Subject: Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
Report of: Director of Public Health
Summary: The report presents the executive summary of the refreshed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Central Bedfordshire

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council and NHS Bedfordshire

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The JSNA supports the following council priorities by providing an assessment of the needs of the population and the evidence for actions to meet these needs:

- 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:

1. The development of a web based JSNA may require some additional investment and is being established currently.
2. The re-fresh of the JSNA has required resources in terms of staff time but no other additional costs.

Legal:

3. The production of the JSNA currently rests with the Directors of Public Health, Adult Social Care and Directors of Children's services. From April 2013, local authorities and CCGs will each have equal and explicit obligations to prepare the JSNA, and this duty will have to be discharged by the health and wellbeing board.

Risk Management:

4. Not applicable

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

5. Not Applicable

Equalities/Human Rights:

6. There is a particular focus on geographical areas and vulnerable groups where health outcomes are poorer to maximise health gain.

Public Health

7. The JSNA provides a joint and comprehensive assessment of the health and wellbeing needs of the residents of Central Bedfordshire. It includes the views of patients and public as well as the evidence base. It is integral to the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy as well as associated joint commissioning strategies which will deliver improvements in Health and Wellbeing, particularly in the most vulnerable communities.

Community Safety

8. Not Applicable

Sustainability:

9. Not Applicable

Procurement:

10. Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board consider and agree the executive summary of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

Background

11. The JSNA is more than a collection of evidence; it is an analysis and narrative on the evidence, describing what it says about the local community and its health and social care needs. The JSNA process extracts and makes sense of evidence, and then health and wellbeing board members plan on the basis of it, using that evidence to drive strategy and commissioning.
12. The first JSNA for Central Bedfordshire was developed in partnership and published in 2010. It provided a good basis for shaping the commissioning strategies and priorities within them to meet the health and wellbeing needs of the local population. It was assessed as part of the world class commissioning process and achieved a good rating.

13. The joint health and wellbeing strategy will set shared priorities based on the evidence of the greatest needs identified within the JSNA.

Refreshing the JSNA

14. The refresh of the JSNA commenced in autumn 2011 with an online survey to access any gaps in the current JSNA. The future development of the JSNA was discussed with partners and it was agreed to build on the previous JSNA, there would however be an increased focus on future needs (next three to five years), the evidence base to deliver the desired outcomes and the involvement of local communities as far as possible. The JSNA will also influence decisions regarding prioritisation of investment and the re-design of services.
15. The process has been overseen by a JSNA steering group which includes wide representation across health and social care, as well as representatives of LiNK.
16. To date over 40 authors have contributed to almost 70 different sections of the JSNA. These have been quality assured by lead individuals from health and social care and circulated to LiNK members, the voluntary sector and partnership boards to identify gaps or inaccuracies.
17. It was agreed from the outset that the JSNA would be web-based to allow ease of access and navigation. This approach would also allow the JSNA to be continually updated and improved. However since the introduction of the new website for CBC, it has become apparent that it does not provide quite the functionality required, therefore alternative solutions are being sought. Therefore whilst the executive summary is being agreed at this stage, the full document may not be available on-line until the summer. In the meantime should anyone want to see part or all of the full document they can contact dzifa.agbenu@bedfordshire.nhs.uk

Developing the Executive Summary

18. It was agreed at the outset that whilst the web based JSNA will be an evolving document, updated on a regular basis, the executive summary would provide a summary of the health and wellbeing needs of the area at a given point in time and published as a pdf document. It is likely that the Executive summary will be updated annually and more often should evidence emerge of changed needs.
19. The Executive Summary has been written using previously agreed criteria (Appendix A) and therefore identifies the main areas of success, need, inequalities and areas for development.
20. It has been reviewed by the JSNA steering group, Children's Trust, Healthier Communities and Older People Partnership Board, Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the Corporate Management Team. The comments and suggestions have been incorporated as far as possible.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Criteria for inclusion in the Executive Summary

Criteria for Executive Summary of the JSNA

The detailed information contained within the JSNA will be summarised within the Executive Summary which may be the only part of the JSNA which is seen by significant numbers of stakeholders – it therefore needs to provide an accurate and balanced picture of need and priorities.

The previous executive summary gave a summary of ‘what we know’ – the headline findings and the priorities for further improvement – some of which (but not all) linked to the findings. The suggestion for this Executive Summary is that it is predominantly focused around what we need to improve / do better. However there should also be a section which celebrates where we are doing well / needs are being met and also the characteristics of Central Bedfordshire as a place.

The following criteria have been agreed to determine which needs are included in the executive summary:

What are we doing well

- Significantly above England, ONS cluster, Statistical neighbours
- Meeting targets

What needs to be improved

Poor outcomes

- Significantly below England / ONS cluster or other statistical neighbour or are showing deterioration over time e.g. > 2 years

Inequalities identified

- Outcomes at a population level may be good but the JSNA reveals that there are inequalities by geography, ethnicity, vulnerable groups etc.

Major Demographic changes which will impact upon demand for future services

These might include areas such as population changes, employment and education.

Areas where evidence base shows that action now will impact upon demand at a later point

Examples might include the need to invest in early intervention and preventative services, housing support, educational attainment etc. The JSNA would need to show firm evidence that investment now would result in either reduced demand or halting current rising demand.