

Appendix **A**

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