

Overview of the Leicester JSNA Programme

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JSNA programme

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Introduction

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is the mechanism by which the NHS and Local Authority can support the joint identification of strategic priorities in Leicester.

The Purpose of JSNA

The purpose of JSNA is to identify current and future health and wellbeing needs of the Leicester population, inform local strategic priorities, and also to support the commissioning of services to improve outcomes for local people and reduce health inequalities.

In Leicester the JSNA programme aims to inform:

- the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy of the Health and Wellbeing Board, in which the key strategic priorities to improve health and wellbeing in the city are laid out
- detailed commissioning plans in specific prioritised areas, as approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Local Approach

The preparation and production of joint need assessments to inform prioritisation and commissioning is a statutory responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The JSNA programme consists of three types of need assessment:

- Joint **Strategic** Needs Assessment (**JSNA**) - which integrates a range of data and information and identifies needs of broad strategic importance to the health and wellbeing of the city. The purpose of this is to inform and underpin the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. There is this type of JSNA for Adults (2008), for Children and Young People (2011) and there is a JSNA 2012 Overview and Summary Report. JSNA 2015/16 is in development, as is a Children and Young People's JSNA.
- Joint **Specific** Need Assessment (**JSpNA**) - which entails detailed assessments of need, trends, current performance against evidence of effectiveness, models and other factors, to inform detailed commissioning for addressing specific elements of the health and wellbeing of the population, for example, dementia, smoking, cardiovascular disease, end of life care. Examples of these needs assessments are those on Dementia and on Drugs and Alcohol. A JSpNA may also take the form of a rapid needs assessment. This will occur where resources or timescales disallow the production of a full JSpNA, but where there is a commissioning need for some evidence-based information. One such needs assessment is that on Carers.

The JSNA Programme Board

The JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) Programme Board was established in August 2010 to agree and deliver a programme of prioritised needs assessments, which will inform policy development and commissioning activities in the city. The Board will ensure that needs assessments are accessible and useful to those who need them, principally commissioners, and updated on a regular basis. Currently the remit embraces health, social care and children's needs assessments.

Engagement

The Leicester JSNA Programme Board works to the Leicester Health and Wellbeing Board and aims to produce a programme of high level and specific needs assessments over a number of years.

The Programme Board recognises the importance of effective engagement as a means of sense checking, generating ideas and ensuring the relevance of needs assessment to the conditions and experience of people who use services or who live in the city.

The Programme Board will work within and support the approach to engagement being developed by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The JSNA Programme Board has engaged with stakeholders over the 2012 high level Joint **Strategic** Needs Assessment (JSNA) and has learnt from that. This learning has resulted in:

- An awareness of the need to view engagement as an on-going programme, which may not be right all the time but will seek to have clear objectives, demonstrate transparency and responsiveness, and drive learning and improvements in JSNA Project Board practice and outputs
- An intention, over the course of the next 3 years, to develop a JSNA approach to engagement, in keeping with that of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board
- Raising awareness of and consultation on early drafts of JSNA content

Specific needs assessments on particular topics will have public engagement plans built into them.

A stakeholder event was held in May 2012 to collectively draw out conclusions from the draft 2012 JSNA and followed a first stakeholder event around the new JSNA in October 2011. Some events around JSNA 2015/16, which is under development, will be held in two tranches in February 2015 and July/August 2015.

Comments on this Statement of Engagement are welcomed by the JSNA Programme Board.

Stakeholder Events

Various JSpNAs and the JSNA 2015/16 are being developed and stakeholder engagement is inherent to those processes. In regard JSNA 2015/16, Voluntary Action LeicesterShire has been commissioned to manage this engagement activity.

Training

The aims of the JSNA Training Programme have been to raise awareness of needs assessment and provide information about JSNA and secondly, to build capacity around needs assessment.

There have been two formal strands to JSNA training. One between October 2011 and February 2012, when an in-depth course on needs assessment was run, another being a series of short training sessions in January and February 2014.

JSNA training going forward will allow leads of the JSNA-associated needs assessments to do what they consider necessary, to mobilise assistance and contribution to the particular needs assessment on which they are working. This makes JSNA training inherent to the needs assessment production process, as deemed appropriate in each circumstance.

If resource allows, there may be some focus on making better use of the outputs (the needs assessments), in the latter part of 2015/16.

Feedback

The JSNA Programme Board welcomes comments and suggestions aimed at improving Joint **Strategic** Needs Assessment and Joint **Specific** Needs Assessments. It will not be possible to incorporate every comment or suggestion, but the JSNA Programme Board will endeavour to ensure that key themes are reflected in JSNA products.

Appendix

Membership of JSNA Programme Board

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