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JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA) UPDATE

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1. Summary

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) has been a mandatory requirement for PCT's and Local Authorities since 2007. It seeks to identify health needs in the local population and inform the commissioning of services based on these needs. The Health and Social Care Bill 2011 has given a renewed focus on the JSNA by giving it a central role in bringing partners together in deciding priorities. These priorities will form the structure of the Health and Well Being Strategy, which will be key to commissioning health and social care services in the local area.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to approve the progress on creating a revised JSNA as set out in the report and endorse the proposed developments for deciding on priorities.

REPORT

3. Background

Shropshire has previously published two JSNA's with the most recent being in 2009-10. The JSNA process is currently being refreshed to take into account the changes in policy and include a wider remit. It is realised that the process will change over time and that not all information will be immediately available, but will be added to and enhanced as new data becomes available. A summary document is being produced to highlight which areas of the JSNA have been identified as priorities to support the Health and Well-being Strategy.

4. Additional Information

Progress since the last update

- The Shropshire Council Research and Intelligence team have set up some JSNA web pages. Meetings have taken place with the Research and

Intelligence team and PCT Public Health Intelligence to discuss content on these pages. The web pages are now live and contain various data and information sheets on different areas of health, well-being and the population of Shropshire.

- The web pages are continually being added to in order to make sure the widest variety of information is included on different topics. Several information sheets are scheduled to be included in the coming weeks.
- A draft report highlighting the JSNA priorities has been written. The aim of this report is to outline what the priorities are for Shropshire to underpin the HWB Strategy. The report pulls together intelligence on each health issue based on information from the data sheets on the website, other data and analysis not yet published in data sheets, national data sources, performance information, information gathered from engagement events and published evidence of what is effective.
- The priorities that are included in this report also highlight interdependencies between the different areas, e.g. obesity and diabetes with physical activity and diet.
- The report currently has mainly Public Health / PCT / CCG related information included. Information on LA priorities will be added in order to identify wider determinants that impact on the health of the local population, e.g. housing, crime, unemployment.
- The information around LA priorities is currently being gathered for inclusion in the priority document report.
- It is also hoped that this report will be useful for the CCG assurance process.

Public Health Priorities Identified

The following health areas have been identified as being priorities:

- Smoking in pregnancy and in the most deprived fifth of areas in Shropshire
- MMR Vaccination
- CVD
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Dementia
- Obesity
- Physical Activity
- Healthy eating and nutrition
- Alcohol
- Falls
- Seasonal Flu

Deciding on priorities

The JSNA Priorities document does not include information on all areas of Public Health and Local Authority work. Reasons that some of the health areas have been prioritised over others is that they impact on a larger portion of the population, are linked to other health conditions that impact on large sections of the population and that there is a cause for concern on these issues due to them being worse than other areas of the country or they are showing a trend in the wrong direction.

However it should be noted that there issues that are not identified as priorities are still important areas of health need and work programmes will still address these areas of need, e.g. sexual health. Information about various health areas can be found on the JSNA website, which is being added to on a regular basis.

Once all the priorities have been identified it is hoped that they can be grouped into which area short, medium and long term priorities. Also it is noted that once all the priorities have been identified they may not be included in the final priorities document, depending on the nature of the health issue, e.g. MMR vaccinations.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)
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Ann Hartley

Local Member

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Appendices

Appendix A – JSNA Outline Structure
