

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of
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Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	24 March 2015
Subject:	Review of Processes for Lincolnshire's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

Summary:

To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an overview to the upcoming review of content, processes and methodologies underpinning the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

This briefing paper comprises a description of the scale of review, resources required and some indicative timescales for the review process

Actions Required:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- 1) Note the content of this report
- 2) Understand the scale, scope and timescale of the whole JSNA review
- 3) Provide any comments and feedback

1. Background

The notion of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was first introduced by the Department of Health's report Commissioning for Health and Wellbeing. Subsequently the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) has made the JSNA a requirement for which the Directors of Public Health, Adult Social Services and Children and Young People's Services are jointly responsible.

The key features of the JSNA are that it is:

- **Joint:**
Providing a framework for communities, local government and the NHS to work together in partnership
- **Strategic:**
Using shared sources of evidence to identify what matters most to local people, solutions that work and gaps that need to be filled
- **A Needs Assessment:**
Based on people's wants and needs, regardless of what has gone before, including unmet needs.

The results of the JSNA should be published in a concise report which will summarise the needs of the community and act as a reference point for subsequent planning.

Since April 2012 it has been a statutory responsibility of the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB). Currently, topics are added and removed using the process outlined in the JSNA procedures (see Appendix A). The procedures are due for review. Therefore, we are taking this opportunity to initiate a deep dive into the wider procedures, format, content and processes around the JSNA.

In its current format, the JSNA is constructed through 35 individual topics that consider very specific areas. There is a timetable documenting when each topic is due for update, with an expectation that each topic will be updated by the relevant topic owner annually.

The current format of the JSNA has been in place since 2011. It has been recognised that improvements could be made.

Funding secured in 2011 supported further development of JSNA provision through the Lincolnshire Research Observatory (LRO) in 2011/12. This provided an improved interface that enabled users to access information more easily. The look and feel of all JSNA areas on the LRO, including improved navigation, were completed by 30 March 2012. Improvements were then used to benefit the rest of the LRO website throughout the rest of 2012.

2. Conclusion

Timescales:

Date	Action
Jan 2015 – Mar 2015	Agreement to scope of the review of the JSNA
Apr 2015 – Dec 2015	Carry out review (to include review of work associated with objectives set out in the project brief and the wider engagement with stakeholders)
Jan 2016 – March 2016	Consult on findings and agree recommendations for refresh of JSNA with HWB
Apr 2016 – Mar 2017	Implement recommendations through refreshing and updating the JSNA, including its presentation (ie. The web presence and functionality)
April 2017 – June 2017	Consult and agree priorities resulting from refreshed JSNA
Jul 2017 – Dec 2017	Carry out consultation on refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) including stakeholder engagement in the process
Jan 2018 – Apr 2018	Finalise and publish JHWS for 2018 – 2023 to coincide with existing JHWS coming to an end on 31/3/18

These timescales are indicative and will be firmed up in the early development stages, with an ultimate aspiration to ensure we use this opportunity to fundamentally improve the processes to demonstrate the impact of the JSNA, and to develop a mechanism to fully engage with stakeholders.

Objectives

- To maintain and enhance the content of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Lincolnshire and to ensure it continues to remain in the vanguard regionally for this
- To enhance the current systems and processes associated with the Lincolnshire JSNA
- To increase the awareness and usage of the JSNA to inform commissioning decisions across the county
- To set up a process to periodically monitor and track how the JSNA is used in other areas of work. For example commissioning and service planning
- To enhance the involvement of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in the development and compilation of the JSNA
- To utilise the findings of the Joint Strategic Asset Assessment (JSAA) to further enhance the JSNA and empower the Voluntary and Community Sector
- To help secure the best possible outcomes for the people of Lincolnshire

Scope

In the first instance this will look at the criteria an area of health (and related subjects) must meet in order for it to be included as a 'topic' in the JSNA. Time will be spent assessing the relevance of the current topics and considering if they continue to be the right topics. Furthermore it will consider if value could be added by grouping topics under broader headings or integrating further with other areas of the LRO website. Aligned to this, there will also be work undertaken to explore the case for new topics to be added to the JSNA. It will be important to assess where and how data and topics could be strengthened through cross referencing.

In 2011 the commitment was made in the JSNA overview report that future iterations of the JSNA would become more 'asset focused'. It is proposed this review will also evaluate the potential for information linked to community assets to be included within the format.

The proposal to review the JSNA and implement required changes will be dependent on resources, finance, data and technology available. The review may call upon the time of staff from other from other service areas.

3. Consultation

In addition to the review of the JSNA content, it will also be important during 2015/16 to look at stakeholder engagement with the JSNA. From the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to commissioners across the partnership, it is important that the role of each stakeholder group is understood in the context of the JSNA, including trying to ensure the JSNA can meet their needs.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	JSNA Procedures

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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