


# Agenda Item 7

		<b>THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE</b>	
Boston Borough Council	East Lindsey District Council	City of Lincoln Council	Lincolnshire County Council
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Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, the Director Responsible for Democratic Services

Report to	<b>Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire</b>
Date:	<b>16 December 2015</b>
Subject:	<b>Response of the Health Scrutiny Committee to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Review</b>

## Summary:

On 16 September 2015 the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire considered a paper on the review of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, which focused on the stakeholder engagement phase of the review, which began in September and will conclude on 18 December 2015. The Committee agreed to establish a working group to draft a response as part of the stakeholder engagement phase. The proposed draft response is attached at Appendix A to this report.

## Actions Required:

To consider approving the draft response (attached at Appendix A) of the Health Scrutiny Committee for submission in response to the consultation on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

## 1. Background

As reported to the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire on 16 September 2015, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a systematic description of the health and wellbeing needs of the population, which leads to the identification of priorities to improve the health and wellbeing of the community. The statutory responsibility for the development of the JSNA rests with the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).

## Review of the JSNA

The procedures through which the JSNA is maintained are currently under review. The full review and implementation is taking place from 2015 to 2017, to feed into the production of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) for 2018-2023, the publishing of which will coincide with the existing JHWS coming to an end on 31 March 2018.

The current phase of the review is the Stakeholder Engagement Phase, taking place until the end of December 2015. The purpose of this phase is to ensure that stakeholders in the JSNA have a shared understanding of the scope and purpose of the review, the opportunity to feed in their views on future content, format and processes and that they are able to become better engaged with the evidence base.

To draft a response on behalf of the Committee on the stakeholder engagement phase, a working group was established, which met on 11 November 2015. Councillors Mrs Christine Talbot, Jackie Kirk and Sue Wray attended the meeting, which was facilitated by three officers from the public health team.

Arising from the meeting, a draft response has been prepared and is attached at Appendix A to the report for the Committee's consideration, and subject to any amendments, approval. The closing date for submissions is 18 December 2015.

## Planned Activity and Actions to Date

The following table, which shows the summary project plan for JSNA review and implementation and publication of the JHWS 2018-2023, was reported to the Committee in September and shows that there will be further opportunities for the Committee's involvement, during further consultation phases.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Jan-May 15	Agree the scope of the review
June-Dec 15	Carry out review (to include review of work associated with objectives set out in the project brief and the wider engagement with stakeholders)
Jan-Mar 16	Consult on findings and agree recommendations for refresh of the JSNA.
Apr-Mar 17	Implement recommendations, refreshing and updating the JSNA, including its presentation and processes
Apr-Jun 17	Consult and agree priorities resulting from refreshed JSNA
Jul-Dec 17	Carry out consultation on refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)
Jan-Apr 18	Finalise and publish JHWS for 2018–2023 to coincide with existing JHWS coming to an end on 31/3/18

## **2. Conclusion**

The Health Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider approving the draft response (attached at Appendix A) of the Health Scrutiny Committee for submission in response to the consultation on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

### 3. Consultation

The Health Scrutiny Committee has been consulted as part of the stakeholder engagement phase of the review of the JSNA, and its draft response to the consultation is attached at Appendix A to this report.


### 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft Response of the Health Scrutiny Committee to the Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Review

### 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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## **Statement from Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire on the Stakeholder Engagement Phase of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Review**

### Introduction

The first phase of the review of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is the Stakeholder Engagement phase. The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire understands that there will be further opportunities for the Committee to contribute as part of the review of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, for example during the public consultation phase in early 2016. The Committee also acknowledges that the JSNA is a key document in the development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

### Importance and Impact of the JSNA

The Health Scrutiny Committee would like to stress the importance of the JSNA, in the development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. It is important that the whole process demonstrates its impact, in effect how the process has made and will make a difference to the population of Lincolnshire. In this regard, outcome measures are particularly important, which the Committee understand will be included in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

### Clarity of the JSNA

The Health Scrutiny Committee acknowledges that the content of the JSNA is written for a particular purpose and by necessity has to include some clinical language, which is not readily accessible to members of the public. However, the Committee believes that as far as possible the content of the JSNA should be accessible to the public, and should avoid any form of jargon wherever possible.

The Health Scrutiny Committee recognises that the JSNA is largely data driven, but this does not always reflect the human element. The Committee suggests that consideration is given to the inclusion of "case studies", to amplify and support the data which is included.

### Involvement of Stakeholders

The Health Scrutiny Committee would like to explore the extent to which the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in Lincolnshire engage with the development of the JSNA. Their commitment is essential in terms of providing data, and using the JSNA to inform their commissioning processes. The Committee suggests that to further emphasise this importance, the CCG Council, which comprises the senior

management representatives of each of the four CCGs, should be specifically engaged in the process for the review of the JSNA.

The Health Scrutiny Committee believes that the views of the voluntary sector must be taken into account, as these organisations have a see services from a different viewpoint. They may also have data that could inform the JSNA.

Previously the Committee raised the issue of the representation of district councils on the Steering Group. The Committee understands that this particular issue has been addressed, and looks forward to continued engagement with district councils throughout the consultation phase of the review of the JSNA.

Where stakeholders are engaged in the process, it is important that they receive feedback on their contributions, to encourage them to make further contributions and to feel valued as part of the process overall.

### Data and Specific Topics

The Committee makes a specific request that the JSNA review process takes account of the following specific topics:

- neurological conditions, where services in Lincolnshire fall short of what is provided to patients in other parts of the country – more data is required to ensure that commissioning decisions fully take account of the needs of people with such conditions;
- cancer, where there should be an emphasis on prevention and the appropriate funding for such services as the early prevention and detection of cancer;
- childhood obesity, where more data is required on how existing services can impact on the number of overweight or obese children, as this is a topic, where the Health Scrutiny Committee would like to see further action; and
- rural isolation, as so many parts of Lincolnshire are remote from a variety of services.

The Committee also supports the intention for the inclusion in the JSNA of more datasets, over and above the existing 35 public health outcomes and that each data set needs to be less labour intensive in terms of the information format.

### Resources

The Health Scrutiny Committee understands that public health funding is ring-fenced for public health activities. Public health services often support prevention, and as a result save money in the future, by reducing demand on 'expensive' acute hospital care. The Health Scrutiny Committee believes that the ring-fence should remain.

In terms of the resources available to the NHS in Lincolnshire, the Committee recognises the particular demographic challenges as well as the cost of new treatments and medicines. However, the Committee believes that all those involved will have to work smarter, using information in documents such as the JSNA to make links, bridge gaps, and use the resources available more effectively.

The impact of any devolution to Lincolnshire is as yet unclear, but it may be something the JSNA and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy may need to take account of at a future date.