

**Open Report on behalf of Tony McGinty, Interim Director of Public Health**

Report to:	<b>Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>15 June 2017</b>
Subject:	<b>Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</b>

**Summary:**

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is an assessment of the current and future health and wellbeing needs of the people of Lincolnshire. It brings together a range of data, information and intelligence into an overarching shared evidence base across health and care. There has been a statutory requirement to produce a JSNA since 2007 and this report provides an overview of Lincolnshire's refreshed JSNA 2017 available on the Lincolnshire Research Observatory (LRO) from 9 June 2017.

**Actions Required:**

The Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive and note this report on Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2017.

## **1. Background**

Local Authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have an equal and joint duty under the Health and Care Act (2012) to prepare a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) through the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).

The JSNA is an assessment of the current and future health and care needs of the local population. It brings together a wide range of national and local quantitative and qualitative data and information. It is used by the HWB to inform the development of the JHWS and provides a shared evidence base to support the planning and commissioning of health and care services.

The JSNA is presented as a series of topic commentaries which includes local demographic and service data; evidence from the public, patients and service users; national research and best practice. It also includes an assessment of need which identifies any inequalities, unmet needs or gaps in service provision. Finally it recommends how these gaps and inequalities can be addressed by commissioners in order to improve health and wellbeing outcomes in Lincolnshire. It is imperative that the needs of the population now and over time are an intrinsic consideration for all bodies making decisions about service design and delivery.

When presented with service change proposals the committee should expect to see reference to the JSNA and the impact that proposals for service change would have on our ability to meet need.

### Lincolnshire's approach to the JSNA

In March 2016 the Board agreed proposals for a fundamental review of Lincolnshire's JSNA and the 35 topics in the 2011 JSNA formed the basis of the review. A multi-agency Steering Group, acting on behalf of the HWB, was established to oversee the review programme. The Steering Group was made up of representatives from each of the Clinical Commissioning Groups, Adult Care, Children's Services, Public Health, Healthwatch and District Councils. The review began in April 2016 and concluded in April 2017.

Expert Panels, made up of representatives from statutory, non-statutory and voluntary sector organisations, were set up for each topic area. These panels, with the support of specialist data analysts, were responsible for conducting the review and developing the new topic commentary. Each commentary was subject to a peer review process and was considered by the JSNA Editorial Board to ensure the information provided was accurate, relevant and free of misleading statements. The JSNA Steering Group signed off the topic commentaries as complete and ready for publishing.

In response to feedback from stakeholders four topics from the 2011 JSNA have been removed, these are: Personalisation; Residential and Nursing Care; Life Expectancy; and Youth Work. In addition the Childhood & Weight Problems topic has been merged with the Adult Obesity to form an All Age Obesity topic. In addition, five new topic areas have been added; these are: Autism; Dementia; Domestic Abuse; Financial Inclusion; and Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People.

The JSNA is an online web resource available on the [Lincolnshire Research Observatory](#) from 9 June 2017. Each topic page provides links to core data and is accompanied by the expert panel commentary in a standardised format. A one page summary document ('topic on a page') has also been produced for each topic using infographics and graphs to provide the key facts and messages in an accessible and user friendly format.

### Continuous improvement

The JSNA is an evolving and continuous process of assessment used to inform the priority setting for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and commissioning decisions. It is therefore imperative the JSNA is kept under constant review and improvements made to ensure it continues to remain relevant, current and reflecting of the changing needs of Lincolnshire's population. With this in mind, a work programme is being put in place to ensure topics are updated as new data and evidence becomes available. A new partner newsletter will be launched shortly to promote the use of the JSNA and to encourage partners to actively contribute information through 'Calls for Evidence' or by sharing learning and case studies demonstrating how the JSNA has added value.

## **2. Conclusion**

The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to produce and publish a JSNA for Lincolnshire and to use it to inform the priority setting for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This report provides details on the refreshed JSNA published on the Lincolnshire Research Observatory on 9 June 2017.

## **3. Consultation**

### **a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?**

No

### **b) Risks and Impact Analysis**

There is a statutory requirement for the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board to produce and publish a JSNA for Lincolnshire as a shared evidence base across health and care. The County Council also has a duty to take account of the JSNA when making decisions.

## **4. Background Papers**

None

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