

ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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1.	Meeting:	Health and Wellbeing Board
2.	Date:	1 st June 2016
3.	Title:	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) update for 2016/2017
4.	Directorate:	Assistant Chief Executive

5. Summary

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board to evidence the needs of people in Rotherham. The assessment underpins health and social care commissioning, service development and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The JSNA was refreshed as a new online resource in 2013, replacing the former fixed document format of 2011. Following a period of consultation, the Health and Wellbeing Board signed off the final version of the JSNA in February 2014. The revised JSNA was used to inform the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-18.

The new JSNA format allows for updates of information so that the content is continually evolving in response to new data becoming available or additional content being required. Contributors from a range of service areas have been asked to provide any updates required on a quarterly basis.

The JSNA was subject to a review in 2015/16 which added a new overview of issues identified in the JSNA and made presentational changes to make it easier to find information about children and adults, and better understand the JSNA process.

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to endorse the current JSNA and agree that it be subject to further review to improve the content and format.

6. Recommendations

6.1 To endorse the updated Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

a) acknowledge that service based contributors are asked to provide any updates to the JSNA on a quarterly basis.

b) agree that the the JSNA will be subject to further review during 2016/17.

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 Background

The provision of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The JSNA is developed and maintained by Rotherham MBC in partnership with the Clinical Commissioning Group, Voluntary and Community Sector, and Healthwatch Rotherham.

The Rotherham JSNA is a comprehensive needs assessment for the borough which provides information crucial to our understanding of the demographics of the borough and the needs of citizens. The JSNA is used by commissioners to assist the development of service specifications and by providers in developing their offer based on the needs of potential service users.

The JSNA also serves as an evidence base for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy which should reflect the key issues identified. The JSNA is also a public reference resource available to all officers, partners, voluntary and community groups, students and residents.

The JSNA was produced as fixed documents in 2008 and 2011 but information in these dated quickly and it was agreed to develop a new online format in 2013. Following consultation with stakeholders a final version of the online JSNA was agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in February 2014.

7.2 Online JSNA

The JSNA website is hosted by the Council's website at:

<http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/jsna/>

The content is arranged under the home page and 7 sections:

- **Home page** – provides background to the JSNA, a link to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, priorities, overview of key issues and downloads.
- **People** – information about Rotherham's population including numbers, age, gender, ethnicity and information about specific communities of interest
- **Places** – information about the environment, housing, transport, and profiles of the borough, wards and other localities
- **Economy** – information on poverty, deprivation, economy and labour market
- **Staying Safe** – safeguarding for children and adults, crime, domestic abuse, sexual abuse and CSE
- **Healthy living** – epidemiological information about lifestyles and behaviours such as tobacco use, alcohol misuse, substance misuse, teenage pregnancy, obesity (inc. eating habits and physical activity) education, and inequalities
- **Ill health** - epidemiological information about the major causes of disease and infirmity in Rotherham
- **Services** – describes a range of health and social care services with information on performance and user satisfaction

JSNA users can drill down from each of these sections to find relevant information, for example information on Education can be accessed under 'People' then 'Children

and Young People'. There is a search tool to help users find information using key words. For every topic, the JSNA provides answers to three questions:

1. Why is this an issue?
2. What is the local picture and how do we compare?
3. What is the trend and what can we predict will happen over time?

This approach enables the Board to easily identify and prioritise key current and emerging issues affecting health and wellbeing in the borough.

The JSNA is maintained by the Policy and Partnerships Team on behalf of Public Health. There is a formal process for updating the JSNA each quarter whereby all service contributors are asked to provide any new information or revision as required. Sections of the JSNA are also updated as and when required on an ad-hoc basis outside this process.

7.3 JSNA Review 2015

A review of JSNA content took place in 2015 and confirmed that the format agreed in 2014 remained appropriate subject to regular updating. The review highlighted the need for an overview of key issues which has since been provided via the Introduction page. It was also felt that information on children and adults, including their safeguarding, should be made more accessible. This has been addressed by adding new headings for both under the People section. Other feedback led to changes to the Home and Introduction pages to clarify the JSNA process.

7.4 Changing trends since the 2013/14 JSNA

The JSNA covers a wide range of issues and most characteristics of the borough change little over a few years. Most updates to the JSNA are ones of detail rather than indicating a significant change in trend.

An important update has been the Indices of Deprivation 2015, the first for five years. The new data shows that deprivation in Rotherham has become more polarised with the most deprived areas getting worse, whilst areas of low deprivation have improved. Increasing deprivation affecting the poorest people and areas in Rotherham has a significant impact on health, social care and wider social concerns, often increasing demands on services. Welfare reform continues to have a cumulative financial and social impact which is increasing following changes announced in 2015. However, many local people have found work with claimant unemployment falling from 8,900 in February 2013 to 4,500 in February 2016.

Health indicators show some contrasting trends typified by life expectancy at birth which improved for males from 77.8 years in 2009-11 to 78.1 in 2012-14 but worsened for females from 81.7 to 81.3. A significant improvement has been the reduction in Under 18 conceptions which have more than halved since 2008 with rates reduced to the English average in 2013. There were also notable improvements in adult smoking prevalence, smoking in pregnancy, injuries due to falls in older people and excess winter deaths (since 2006).

Health indicators which showed adverse trends recently were low birthweight babies, overweight and obese children (Year 6), Premature deaths due to liver disease in

women and suicide deaths. The mental health indicator used in the Indices of Deprivation showed a deterioration between the 2010 and 2015 indices, particularly in more deprived areas.

The JSNA will continue to be updated as and when new information is published or through the quartly review process. For example, new population projections are about to be published by the Office for National Statistics although these are not expected to differ much from the current projection for Rotherham.

8. Risks and Uncertainties

The JSNA attempts to provide an accurate information resource but cannot always provide the latest data or cover all topics. The JSNA provides a broad overview of population needs and should not be regarded as a needs assessment for a particular service or topic.

Although the JSNA has clearly been used in strategy development, the extent to which it is used in the commissioning and development of services is uncertain and hard to measure.

9. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The JSNA serves as a key evidence base for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and associated development of priorities and policies. The JSNA further provides a link with other borough-wide strategies and plans, and to a range of more detailed service and topic specific needs assessments.

10. Background Papers and Consultation

Previous reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board: December 2013 and February 2014.

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