

REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date of Meeting: 2 July 2015

Subject: Harrow Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2015-2020

Responsible Officer: Dr Andrew Howe, Director of Public Health

Public: Yes

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: JSNA

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the 'big picture' of local needs so we can work together to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Harrow. It is a mandatory function of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Recommendations:

The Board is requested to approve the report for publication.

Section 2 – Report

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment paints the 'big picture' of local needs so we can work together to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Harrow. The JSNA directly informs the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, as well as the strategic plans developed by the council and the CCG.

The JSNA reports on the range of influences that there are on the health and wellbeing of the local population. It recognises that our health and wellbeing is not the sole remit of the health services but are the result of a plethora of influences.

This report begins with local demographics describing the local population and its health. It then looks at the lifestyle choices we make, the social networks we have and the community we live in. Broadening in scope, it moves on to our activities such as education employment and recreation before looking at our built environment, where we live and our access to services. The natural environment, the importance of green spaces, clean air and water provide the final piece to the jigsaw.

Data from a wide range of sources has been used in the JSNA process and many people have provided information. The data used is both qualitative and quantitative, and may also come from existing reports, such as the Community Strategy.

Each section in the report has a supporting document which gives further details should anyone need them. This suite of supporting documents will also link into the more detailed strategies and action plans that already exist. In this way, people with different levels of interest can get the level of detail they want.

The JSNA is not a static document but one which changes and is added to as information becomes available. As part of the engagement for the JSNA and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, stakeholders will be asked about topics that they wish to have more information on. These will be considered as part of the local workplans and new needs assessments or profiles will be developed over the coming years.

Once approved, this report will be posted on the Harrow Council website. We are considering a specific microsite for the JSNA but this will depend on the costs.

Financial Implications/Comments

The purpose of the JSNA is to identify the current status of the population and the current and future needs. Any programmes developed to address health inequalities identified which have a financial cost will need to be funded within existing council or CCG resources, including the public health grant and relevant service area budgets and in the context of the wider organisational financial position.

A planned engagement event in July will be funded from the public health allocation.

Legal Implications/Comments

Section 116 of the Local Government and Public Involvement of Health Act 2007 requires local authorities and CCGs to prepare a JSNA which must be published by the local authority. Under section 196(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 this function is exercised through the Health and Wellbeing Board. . The joint health and wellbeing strategy is designed to meet the needs identified in the JSNA. Local authorities, CCGs and the NHS commissioning board must have regard to these documents when exercising their functions.

Risk Management Implications

None

Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No

The Equality Act 2010 places specific and general duties on service providers and public bodies. This includes having due regard to the equality implications when making policy decisions around service provision. As this report is a needs assessment rather than a report that recommends specific actions, an EQIA is not necessary. That is not to say that equality considerations are ignored. It is at the heart of the JSNA.

The JSNA, where possible, benchmarks Harrow against England, London and statistical neighbours. Where possible the report gives more local detail if the data supports this level of analysis. This has been done with respect to equalities categories in some cases for example, age and gender specific rates, or rates in different ethnic groups. If data is available to cover disability then this has also been included. However, it must be noted that, for the majority of datasets, other equalities groups are not recorded and therefore they do not support this level of analysis.

Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

The JSNA identifies health and wellbeing issues related to all of the Harrow Council priorities, for example:

- Making a difference for the vulnerable – there is a chapter on vulnerable groups which highlights their needs
- Making a difference for communities – there is a chapter on social and community networks
- Making a difference for local businesses – Developing the local economy is covered in the built environment and employment is covered in the Activities chapter
- Making a difference for families – the whole report looks at health and wellbeing which impacts on families and individuals alike.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance (Council and Joint Reports)

Name: Donna Edwards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 16 th June 2015		
Name: Caroline Eccles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 25 June 2015		

Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None